

NEWS

Officials hope to spark interest in board seats

A resignation on the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees and the lack of candidates running for the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD) board prompted officials to put a call out to the public for potentially qualified board members. **2A**

Mio Ranger District offers seasonal jobs

The Mio Ranger District of Huron-Manistee National Forests is currently recruiting applicants for seasonal positions. Due to anticipated federal stimulus funds, the district may hire over and above its original staff projections. **12A**

SPORTS

Two wrestlers qualify for state finals



Two Grayling High School wrestlers – Cody Collen (145) and Shane Grove (171) – finished high enough at individual regionals on Saturday to qualify for the state finals. At team regionals on Wednesday, Grayling's play-off run ended with a loss to Roscommon in the championship round. **4B**

March Madness 2009: Boys to play Chiefs



Screaming fans. Buzzer beaters. Pressure-packed free throws. "March Madness" – basketball playoff action and everything that accompanies it – is here. Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball squad will start its playoff run with a District 63-B semifinal game vs. the Cheboygan Chiefs at Cheboygan on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. **1B**

INDEX

Business Directory	8-10A
Church Directory	6A
Classifieds	8-10B
Facts & Features	7B
Legal Notices	4-6B
Opinions	4A
Sports	1-4B, 10B
Obituaries	6A

Vol. 131 • No. 10, 22
PAGES • 2 SECTIONS
P.O. Box 490,
102 Michigan Avenue,
Grayling, MI 49738
(800) 348-6811

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Crawford County Avalanche

75 cents

Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Thursday, March 5, 2009



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Seventeen teens from Grayling's Mt. Hope Lutheran Church spent just over a day - from lunchtime on Friday to dinnertime on Saturday - fasting as part of World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. As part of the weekend, the youngsters visited the residents at Mercy Manor and gave them decorative crosses. Above, Rayne Russell and Jacqueline Bulmer are pictured giving Mercy Manor resident Mary Bonkowski a cross.

Youth raise funds to battle hunger with Will Starve for Food campaign

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A weekend for a typical Crawford County teen may include snowboarding at Hanson Hills, playing video games, catching up on homework or snacking on junk food.

Seventeen teens from

Grayling's Mt. Hope Lutheran Church spent just over a day - from lunchtime on Friday to dinnertime on Saturday - fasting as part of World Vision's 30 Hour Famine.

World Vision is a Christian relief and development organization dedicated to helping children and communities world-

wide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty.

Currently, more than 840 million people around the world don't have enough to eat. Annually, more than 9 million children under age 5 die from diseases and malnutrition as a result of hunger.

See **YOUTH** | 7A

Recycling program survives budget ax

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Nearly all governmental units have found funds in their budgets to continue offering recycling to outlying areas in Crawford County.

Beaver Creek and South Branch Township agreed to pitch in \$1,500 to support county-wide recycling. Lovells Township, Frederic Township and Maple Forest Township each agreed to pay \$500. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners pledged \$2,000 to hire another recycling center employee.

The \$6,500 will pay a part-time employee to work up to 14 hours a week at the recycling center located on North Down River Road.

Crawford County and Grayling Township officials are still waiting for a \$2,000 contribution requested from the City of Grayling.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said more discussion on recycling center operations and the funds being requested is needed before the city pledges any money toward the operation.

In November, Grayling Charter Township officials said it could not afford to subsidize labor at the recycling center for other municipalities in the current economic climate.

Employees sort recycling bags and boxes brought into the center on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. On other days, they empty recycling trailers that are parked in Beaver Creek Township, South Branch Township, Lovells Township, at Grayling High School and three trailers used to collect cardboard in the City of Grayling. **See RECYCLING** | 11A

Input on I-75 Business Loop rebuild encouraged

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Business owners and city residents are being encouraged to attend two upcoming meetings to voice their opinions on the I-75 Business Loop reconstruction project.

The project, which will reconstruct the roadway from M-72 East to M-72 West, is slated to begin in April and end in October.

Residents, business owners and managers, vendors, customers and service providers are encouraged to attend the Grayling City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Grayling City Hall to voice their concerns on how the project will impact their businesses. City officials will be encouraged to work with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to develop a plan that brings traffic downtown rather than by-passing businesses.

"In our community, what

hurts one, hurts all," said Gaila Gilliland, economic development director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership.

People are also encouraged to write letters that will be presented to Grayling City Manager David Thayer and all Grayling City Council members. Gilliland would like to have the letters in hand by Friday, March 13.

The second meeting is an open house that MDOT will hold from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25.

The open house will give area residents and business owners an opportunity to talk one-on-one with MDOT officials regarding the 2009 road construction project.

If you have any questions about the project or the open house, contact MDOT Assistant Delivery Engineer Steve Zaglaniczny or MDOT Project Engineer Bill Wahl at 344-1802.



Anna Fisher, age 9, follows through on a long shot. She was by far the youngest golfer of the day. The outdoor event was followed by a euchre tournament in the Camp Grayling Armory.

Blizzardfest raises nearly \$1,000 for youth programs

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The Grayling Youth Booster Club has a reputation for hosting inventive recreational fund-raisers. Last weekend, they raised hundreds of dollars playing an unusual winter sport: golf.

Not surprisingly, the Saturday fund-raiser, called "Blizzardfest," featured some rule tweaks on account of the weather. In place of the traditional green fairway, twelve teams played on the frozen surface of Lake Margrethe.

Golf clubs were still the preferred means of play, although a few hockey sticks could be seen scattered around the frigid fairway, and tennis balls were substituted for the traditional golf balls.

This is the second year that supporters of the Booster Club have teed off on the frozen lake, although this is considered to be the "First Annual Blizzardfest." The golf idea came about after the organization decided that ice fishing would be too much of a hassle.

"It was something we decided to do a few years ago ... we couldn't do the fish, it turned out to be too big of a deal with the DNR," booster club member Max Tobin said.

Fortunately, the golf alternative has turned out to be a big hit.

"It's been just absolutely a blast," Booster Club President Rob Aubry said.

The event took place on the side of the lake controlled by Camp Grayling.


See **BLIZZARDFEST** | 11A



\$ NEED CASH? \$
 BUYING GOLD SILVER AND JEWELRY
We have been helping others since 1978
 Paying up to 6x TV buyers prices
Gold Rush Jewelers
 828 W. Houghton Lake Drive • M 55

The Ole Barn 6811 M-72 West
LIVE BAND
 Mar. 6 & 7 - Beer Money
LINE DANCING
COMING SOON
SIGN-UP TODAY
 989-344-760 • OPEN MON-SUN @ 11AM

ARE YOU TIRED OF WAITING FOR DAYS, WEEKS, OR MONTHS FOR A DENTAL APPOINTMENT?
 At Grayling Family Dentistry, we reserve time in our schedule for new patients. Schedule an appointment for your cleaning, exam and x-rays, and you will receive a **FREE ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH** as our gift to you as a new patient.



C. Thomas Riegle, D.D.S.
Grayling Family Dentistry
(989) 348-4300
1664 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling

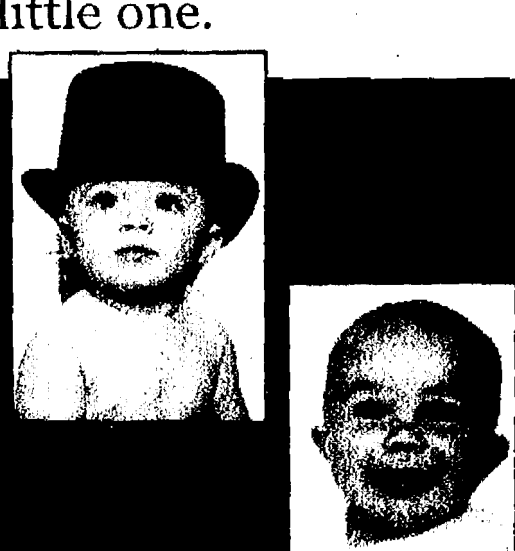
Are you a proud Parent, Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle and want to show off your favorite little one? We've got just the place.

Crawford County's Sweethearts 2009

The Crawford County Avalanche will be publishing a special section called Crawford County's Sweethearts 2009 and we want to see your favorite little one.

Featuring photos of **AGES PRESCHOOL to 4 YEARS OLD.**

This is your opportunity to brag to our readers about your favorite little one.



IT'S AS EASY AS 1,2,3...

1. Send in your recent color photo of your sweetheart with this form.
2. Enclose Your Payment. **Each photo submitted costs \$10**
3. Deadline: **Noon, March 6**



Freddie F. Doe
 Born on 1/22/08
 Freddie's proud parents are
 Beth and Eric Doe

Child's Name: _____
 Birthday: _____
 Parent's Name(s): _____
 Grandparent(s), Aunt/ Uncle Name(s): _____
 Contact Person's Name: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Drop off or Mail To:
 Crawford County Avalanche
 P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6811

Please send photos with good contrast. Sorry, no group photos. All photos can be picked up at the Avalanche office after publication. Crawford County Sweethearts - 2009 will be published in the March 16, 2009 issue.

Kirtland, COOR ISD officials hope to spark interest in open board seats

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

A resignation on the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees and the lack of candidates running for the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD) board prompted officials to put a call out to the public for potentially qualified board members.

Four six-year positions are open on the COOR ISD Board of Trustees, but only three incumbent board members are seeking re-election.

The Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees plans to fill a vacancy for a term that is set to expire on June 30. The person appointed may opt to run as a write-in candidate on the May 5 school election ballot while other write-in candidates may also file to run for the seat.

Grayling residents Bernadine Dosch, who has served on the board for 13 years, and Nancy Persing, who has been on the board for seven years, are running to retain their COOR ISD board seats.

Robert J. Carpenter, the current president of the COOR ISD Board from Mio, is also seeking to continue serving on the board.

Board Trustee John "Jack" Pilon of Grayling, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board about

two years ago, is not seeking re-election.

Pilon, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest planner, said he wants to devote more time to the Knights of Columbus in Grayling and COOR ISD board meetings conflict with the organization's meetings. Pilon is also one of five assistant Scout Masters for Grayling's Boy Scouts of America Troop #995. Pilon wants to focus more energy on the scouts and help out his son Tom Pilon, age 22, who is a Star Scout with the troop.

"I just wasn't up for another six-year term," Pilon said.

Robert Jones, superintendent of the COOR ISD, said the board will remain focused on early childhood development initiatives in the next few years. Jones added that maintaining services and programs offered in the school's four-county service area will be an issue the board will address.

"We would like to have more people interested in serving the community and running for election," Jones said. "I think it's one of the more important offices to get elected to, to support the education of our children, and I and our board would really encourage people to come forward."

Jones said that the current economic recession will be a huge issue with budgets, which has been an ongoing

problem with ISDs for the last decade.

"That's been an ongoing struggle, the state just can't reconcile what they're taking in taxes and how to give their fair share back to the communities we serve," Jones said. "I know they're working on it, but they don't have their arms around it yet."

At Kirtland Community College, Trustee Roy Spangler, a retired Michigan State University Extension director for Crawford County, is running for another term on the board.

Trustee Sally Gaylor, of Mio, resigned from her seat on Feb. 19 to devote more time to taking care of her elderly parents.

Dr. Thomas Quinn, the president of Kirtland Community College, said the board hopes to fill the vacancy at its Thursday, March 19, meeting. The appointee will serve out the remainder of Gaylor's term through June 30 and may file to run as a write-in candidate in the May election.

"We're just asking them to serve out the remainder of the term, but if they choose not to run as a write-in candidate on the ballot, we could conceivably reapoint them after July 1," Quinn said.

Quinn said that board members would be involved in solving the need of establishing student housing near the college. The board is

also updating and implementing a new strategic plan for the college. The board will also finalize plans and hire a contractor for a \$502,000 job to restructure the college's well and water system. Finally, the board will continue to study and review new programs, replace the college's child care center, implement green energy savings initiatives and negotiate faculty contracts.

"The next few years are going to be very busy at the college and we have a lot of strategic initiatives going on," Quinn said.

Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore said the deadline to file as a write-in candidate for the available Kirtland and COOR ISD seats is 4 p.m. on Friday, April 24.

Moore said a Kirtland Community College alumni would be perfect for the Kirtland Board and a retired educator would be a good fit for the COOR ISD Board.

"The fact that we have these vacancies I don't want to go unnoticed and I would encourage people to get involved in the process," Moore said.

Anyone interested in running as a write-in candidate must file a declaration of intent by April 24. For more information, contact Roscommon County Clerk/Register of Deeds Ann Bonk at 275-5923.

Help Center collecting Easter donations

by Matt Seager
 Staff Writer

Although the Crawford

County Community Christian (CCCC) Help Center is well known for its involvement in the Toys for Tots program, they do other holiday gift drives, too.

Right now, CCCC Help Center volunteers are working to ensure that kids throughout the county will have a taste of fun for the Easter holiday.

"Our economy is so bad. How many of our kids aren't going to have Easter baskets this year?" CCCC board member Terry Tody said.

Volunteers hope to make a difference by distributing free Easter baskets loaded with candy starting in April.

In the meantime, they are in need of Easter candy, baskets and bags of Easter grass.

"I hope ... there isn't any kid we can't give a basket to," Tody said.

There are donation collection boxes located at Westside Diner, Wendy's, Chemical Bank, Save-A-Lot, Glen's Market, North Central Credit Union, Huntington Bank,

Goodale's Bakery, 7/11, Kmart, Lone Pine Restaurant, Northland Credit Union and Grayling Restaurant.

"It's for the children. That's our future generation," said CCCC Help Center director Marianne Gosnell.

Donations can also be dropped off directly to the help center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"You never know when you're going to be in need yourself," Tody said.

Fire damages home

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

A portion of a home was destroyed in a house fire that occurred on Sunday.

The Grayling Fire Department was dispatched to a home located at 100 West Drive around 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. The home is currently being remodeled by Grayling dentist Dr. John "Rex" Moriarity.

The blaze was caused by a fire that started in a fire

place of the home, said Art Clough, assistant fire chief for the Grayling Fire Department.

Firefighters from the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department and the Frederic Township Fire Department assisted at the scene.

The fire damaged a breezeway of the home. Firefighters, who remained at the scene until noon on Monday, had a difficult time putting out hot spots due to

a double roof connecting the breezeway to the home, Clough said.

A bulldozer from Jack Millikin Excavating Inc. was eventually brought to the scene to knock down the breezeway. The home and the garage are still standing.

Firefighters braved 20-below temperatures while they battled the blaze.

"It was really difficult to work around the extreme weather conditions," Clough said.

Clarification

In an article which ran in the Feb. 26 edition of the Avalanche, titled "Snappy resolution reached for Beaver Creek Township Fire Chief's alleged fuel tax violation," it stated that Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton said the fire department and fuel sales to Mobile

Medical Response Inc. ambulance service will be on the agenda for the next township board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9.

Ashton said the issue will not be on the agenda for the meeting since an apparent resolution has been reached in the matter.

Don't Live With It... Remodel it!

Full Service Remodeling

Call for free consultation!
989-275-5703

Barber Construction Inc.

Visit our website:
barberconstruction.net

Design Build Service

Thomas S. Barber, CGR, CGP, CAPS
 1210 Rough Ct., Roscommon, MI 48653



Since 1985

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Should the county approve an ordinance allowing ORVs to travel on the side of area roads?

Yes.
 78 votes
 57%

No.
 58 votes
 43%

This week's online poll question: **Should the county relocate the senior center to the fish hatchery?**

Economic development officials seek involvement in task force for retailers

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Getting Crawford County residents to shop in Grayling and developing a united marketing plan for businesses and events were two topics raised by economic development officials at a "retail roundtable" last week.

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership Board (CCEDP), a group of governmental, school and business officials, devoted a portion of their meeting at the Grayling Charter Township Hall last Thursday to area retailers. Officials are seeing what they can do to help retailers in the current tough economic climate and to bring more people through their doors.

Gaila Gilliland, economic development director for the CCEDP, said Crawford County residents have traveled out of town for years for medical services and entertainment, taking retail and service dollars out of Grayling. At the same time, landmark downtown businesses such as Chief Shoppenagons and Ben Franklin closed and Michigan Avenue's traditional role in business has changed.

Loss of these key businesses has hurt smaller businesses due to a lack of foot traffic, creating a significant number of vacant building and commercial spaces.

Now, local economic development officials want to capitalize on Grayling's Downtown Development Authority streetscape project, which was completed in the spring of 2008. The new look, complete with flowers, landscaping, additional parking and some upgraded store facades, has created a more welcoming atmosphere downtown.

Jamie Greer, the owner of J. Dap Co., said the retail

community needs a devoted marketing plan that would involve all community organizations.

On July 14, a Grayling promotional spot developed by the CCEDP will begin airing on TV 7 & 4.

Greer added that the downtown has gained a stigma for having too many vacant storefronts, while business owners are trying to promote a small town atmosphere and the unique items they have to offer.

"I just get so tired of people emphasizing that and not focusing on what we do have to offer," Greer said.

Greer recommended targeting a marketing plan to downstate urban communities, such as Bay City and Saginaw, that may come north to enjoy Grayling's natural resources and tourism.

"There are a lot of businesses that can't wait two to three years for this to come to fruition," Greer said.

According to Hilary Owen, project engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation's Grayling Service Center, the average daily traffic count in downtown Grayling is 15,000 vehicles. Capturing 5 percent more traffic could mean \$2 million more in business sales. If downtown could capture just 5 percent more traffic than it does now, it would draw more than 700 additional vehicles. If those customers spent an average of only \$10 per vehicle, six days per week, the result would bring an additional \$2 million plus into the local economy annually. Spending \$50 per vehicle could mean \$10 million in additional revenue.

Greer said that employers with large workforces should encourage their employees to shop locally. She said downtown businesses had a good holiday season when more people

were coming through their doors and buying gifts.

"It may be slowly working into their thought process, but there is still an awful lot of people that go out of town to shop," Greer said.

Marvin Myers, a CCEDP board member and the owner of Myers Land Survey Company, noted that Merritt Speedway in nearby Missaukee County needs \$2 million just to break even for the upcoming racing season. He said race promoters are offering discounted tickets by zip code for people who live close to the race track, and hope to make up their money in concession sales.

"They need people in the stands to make this work," Myers said.

Greer said that the Grayling Uptown Business District Association has been active for 25 to 30 years, making sure business owners are represented in local issues. Greer said the group has worked to help organize the community's Harvest Fest, the annual Christmas Walk and are hoping to spark interest in an event in conjunction with the nation's Flag Day on June 14.

Greer said it is difficult for some business owners to be involved in community planning and marketing since they have to man their stores during the current economic recession.

"There are not a lot of us down there so it's the same five of us and we do it all," Greer said.

Gilliland said the Watershed Art Project, formed through the CCEDP, is gathering steam.

In 2007, Grayling building contractor Scott McClain slowly organized a team of individuals committed to using the arts as a way to revitalize downtown.

In November 2007, the Watershed Art Project hosted an art show in conjunction with the Christmas

Walk, which 700 people attended.

Last year, the Watershed Art Project held its first Spring Art Walk in conjunction with the opening of trout season. The Watershed Art Project's Mystery Mural was unveiled during the July 4th weekend. The second annual Spring Art Walk will be held in April, and another Mystery Mural will be unveiled in October.

"As a result of the tireless effort of Scott McClain and his team, Grayling is becoming known as an artisan community," Gilliland said.

Myers recommended that retailers consider geocaching promotions. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, and then share your experiences online.

"You'll get people in because they'll all be looking for bargains," Myers said.

The CCEDP is recommending other methods that could be used to help rebrand the downtown business district as a desirable place to shop and do business. These include:

- Using electronic message signs.
- Recruiting Kirtland Community College to locate a satellite facility downtown.
- Offering a facade loan program with \$10,000 grants separate from Crawford County's revolving facade loan program.

• Creating a full-time artisan presence downtown.

"Downtown retailers should recognize this as a true opportunity to focus on personalized service, unique goods and services and a hometown atmosphere with reasonable prices and good quality," Gilliland said.

WANTED HOMES THAT NEED ROOFING

A select number of homeowners in Crawford County and the surrounding areas will be given the opportunity to have a lifetime Erie Metal Roofing System.

If your home qualifies to install the look of our NEW Metal Shingle Roof, we will definitely make it worth your while.

We will offer you fabulous pricing and access to our special low interest unsecured bank financing.

An Erie Metal Roofing System will provide your home with unsurpassed "Beauty and Lasting Protection"!

Don't miss this opportunity to save!
CALL TODAY TO SEE IF YOUR HOME QUALIFIES!

1-800-952-3743

email: roofing@eriemetalroofs.com
www.ErieMetalRoofs.com

Copyright © 2007 Erie Metal Roofing

Crawford County Transportation Authority

Weekday Scheduled Services to:

FREDERIC & MAPLE FOREST

Leaves Grayling 5:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

LOVELLS

Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

M-72 EAST

Leaves Grayling 6:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 6:45 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 9:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 3:30 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

BEAVER CREEK & ROSCOMMON

Leaves Grayling 7:30 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 11:00 a.m.
Leaves Grayling 1:00 p.m. *
Leaves Grayling 2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 4:30 p.m.
*The 1:00 p.m. south run does not go all the way into Roscommon.

To request weekday demand response services call dispatch @ 348-5409

M-72 WEST
Demand response service calls worked in between other runs.

RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS

Individuals requiring transportation for specialty medical services not locally available may qualify for RHI medical transportation services

Information regarding RHI medical transportation services can be obtained by contacting Julie Dean @ 348-8215

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS: Scheduled For March 2009

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009
Turtle Creek Casino**

**Thursday, March 26, 2009
Out To Lunch Gang-
West Branch Tanger Mall/ Wal-Mart
Lunch at Applebees'
Bus Leaves at 9:00am
Call Deb at 348-7123
Call to reserve your seat today!**

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:
Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events. Such as the Milltown Festival.

To request information concerning expanded services call Richard @ 348-4101

"Reach Out Food Drive" to begin on Friday

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

As the nationwide recession deepens, many Crawford County residents are more committed than ever to supporting local relief efforts. Sometimes, tough conditions can bring out the very best in people.

This certainly seems to be the case with the "Reach Out Food Drive," a brand new charity event organized by Davis Jewelers employees Becky Knepper and Natalie Majeski.

The food drive, which officially kicks off on Friday, is a multifaceted project designed to bring in essential food and resources for the Crawford County Community Christian (CCCC) Help Center. The last day of the collection will be on Mar. 21.

"We're trying to find lots of food for the families," Majeski said.

This project is not headed by any established community charity. Majeski said that she and Knepper simply saw a need and decided to act.

"Obviously, economic times are hard for everybody," Majeski said.

Rather than simply asking for food and donations, the women are centering their efforts around a series of activities and prizes.

"We're trying to have it fun for the public, too," Majeski said.

The drive begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 6, with the monthly open mic night event at Thanks a Latte coffee shop. Rather than paying a cover charge, event attendees are asked to donate non-perishable food items.

On Mar. 13, Davis Jewelers will be offering free appraisals for up to three items in exchange for a bag of food.

Throughout the drive, anyone who makes a donation at a participating drop-off destination will be registered for a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from a Grayling business.

Several local businesses are donating gift certificates, including Davis Jewelers, J. Dap, Parrott's Perch, Riverland Gear, Flowers By Josie/Thanks A Latte, North Country Corner, The Ice House, Salon Rue, Moore's Automotive, Taco Bell, Wendy's, The Crawford County Avalanche, B.C. Pizza and Dubois Lumber.

"For everyone to cough up cash donations and gift certificates, I think is pretty awesome," Majeski said. "It says a lot for this community and their care."

Majeski and Knepper have not limited their efforts just to businesses. They've gotten everybody from Boy Scout troupes to local doctors lending their support.

"I'm trying to get everybody in the community involved," Majeski said.

She said they've already had a great response, despite the fact that the drive hasn't even officially begun. One individual even donated \$500 for the purchase of essential goods.

Event organizers emphasized that this event is about more than just food. The CCCC Help Center provided them with a list of needs that includes several common food items such as spaghetti, juice, cereal and virtually any canned item.

But there is also a need

for basic household items such as shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, dish soap and diapers. Cash donations are also accepted.

Marianne Gosnell, interim director for the CCCC Help Center, explained that families who use bridge cards for food purchases are often unable to afford household items that a bridge card will not cover. For these families, the help center is an essential resource.

"Sometimes we have people come in who just need special items," Gosnell said. "There is a demand for it."

For Knepper and Majeski, the event is a way to give back to the community that they love.

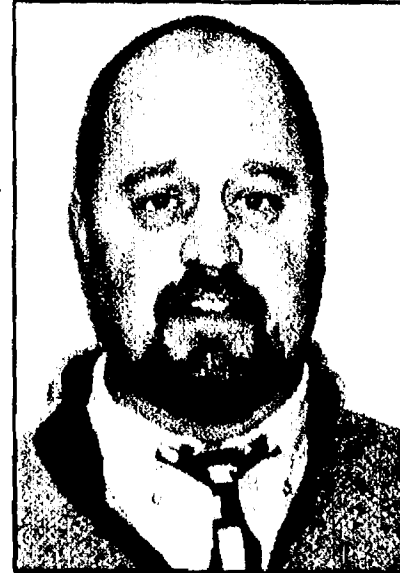
"I feel blessed that I have a job and the people of Grayling continue to support the downtown merchants," Majeski said. "It's just been neat for me to experience how much people care for each other."

Roscommon Cinema
Now Showing
HELD OVER
GRAN TORINO
(R)
FRI-SAT-SUN-THURS
7 PM
CLOSED MON - WED
300 N. Main Roscommon
OFF EXT 844
989-275-5959
WWW.ROSCOMMOVIES.COM

Welcome Terry Norman!

Don Nester Chevrolet, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep of Houghton Lake is pleased to announce the addition of Sales Professional **Terry Norman**.

Don't let the evening news get you down. If you are in the market for a new or pre-owned vehicle, please give me the opportunity to earn your business. With low interest rates and great rebates, **now is the time to buy.**



Two Great Locations!

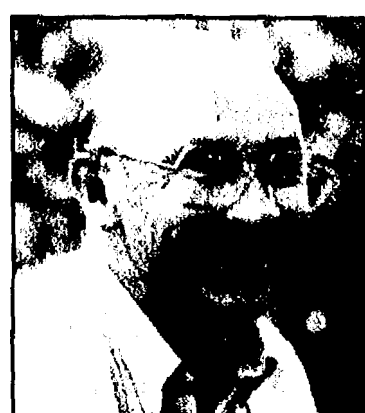
Don Nester
CHEVROLET CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep

Roscommon/Houghton Lake, MI

424 E Federal Hwy
Roscommon
800-550-5534
989-275-5105

7566 W. Houghton Lake Dr.
Houghton Lake
800-235-7507
989-422-5126

Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

How much money is too much money?

THE NATION'S top court may be about to shed light and offer guidance on the vexing problem of how judicial campaigns in states such as Michigan should be conducted.

Or maybe not.

The question of financing judicial election campaigns is involved in a West Virginia case due to come before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Central figure is the chief justice of the West Virginia Supreme Court. An executive of Massey Energy Co. poured at least \$3 million, or 60 percent of his total campaign funds, into the 2004 campaign to help Republican Brent Benjamin — described in an *Associated Press* article as “a little known lawyer from Charleston” — defeat an incumbent Democratic justice.

New Justice Benjamin then helped form a 3-2 court majority in two separate votes to overturn a jury's judgment against the

Massey company valued at about \$82 million.

Should Justice Benjamin have recused himself — that is, declined to take part — in matters involving his political benefactor?

Once the votes are counted and the election is over, how or why should the winning judge be limited in court activities? When and under what circumstances should a judge step aside?

Justice Benjamin argued that he had no personal or financial stake in the outcome of the case, one way or another, and claimed he had voted against the Massey company at least four other times in other matters.

TO A CASUAL outsider, such as this one, the West Virginia case looks like undue favoritism, pure and simple, and the campaigning judge should have recused himself.

But where is the line? Can \$3 million in contributions help buy \$82 million

in benefit? If so, that's a good deal for the donor. But if \$3 million is the price for recusal, where does outrage begin? At \$1 million, or \$500,000? Where does step-aside set in?

How much influence is too much influence?

Campaigns for the Michigan Supreme Court produce their own dilemmas of propriety. Last year one seat on the seven-member court was up for election, and the campaign devoured an estimated \$7.3 million before the Democratic candidate, Diane Hathaway, unseated the incumbent Republican chief justice, Cliff Taylor.

Origin of more than half of those funds are untraceable, according to campaign finance reporting, but both candidates should have some idea of the identity of their backers.

Taking the scenario a step further, business interests such as the Michigan Chamber of Commerce usually are open in support of

Republican candidate for the court.

Just so, the Michigan AFL-CIO, UAW, and teachers unions generally support Democratic candidates. Contributions generally are significant.

When the specific interests of these pressure groups are involved in court cases, should any of the justices recuse themselves? Where does the sympathy of the justices rest? The answer is obvious. Interest groups support the judicial candidates who reflect the viewpoints and goals of their campaign supporters and sponsors.

But how much influence is too much influence?

IN 2010, TWO incumbent Republican supreme court justices will be up for election, and the campaigning will be severe for those seats. The \$7.3 million spent for a single court seat last year could be miniscule compared to the 2010 campaign.

Electing supreme court justices — and other judges, for that matter — lends itself to the sort of court system that may be developing where justice sometimes seems to go to the highest bidder.

The Michigan Supreme Court also plans to study and perhaps come up with guidelines on the overall confusing and significant question of recusal.

It will take the wisdom of a whole gaggle of robed Solomons, either in Washington or in Lansing, to come up with anything that will cover all instances of when judges should properly and ethically step to one side.

The question is not only one of fairness; it also is a question of appearance of fairness. Both are important for public confidence in our judicial system.

DOCTOR'S ADVICE — A few years ago, when I was feeling lousy, I visited my doctor. He told me I had the

flu, and I had two alternatives.

I could be given a shot and take some pills and other medicines, and in two weeks the flu would be gone, and I would be better.

Or I could do nothing, and in two weeks the flu would be gone, and I would be better.

I took the second option, and the doctor was right.

Then I consider the financial mess the country faces these days, and the bailouts and loans and projects and other remedies currently proposed or underway, along with the prospect that in about two years, everything will be better.

Would my doctor's advice about the flu work on the economy, too?

Probably not, but I wonder anyway.

#

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Crawford County Avalanche

102 Michigan Ave.
P.O. Box 490,
Grayling, MI 49738
PHONE 989-348-6811
FAX 989-348-6806
avalanche@i2k.net

Linda Golnick
General Manager
linda@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer
caleb@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer
dan@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Debbie St. Germain
Advertising Sales
debbie@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Pam Engel
Advertising Sales
pam@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Ruth Biggar
Business Office

Kim Cothran
Business Office
classifieds@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Marcus Marelich
Composition
graphics@crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Amber Edgerton
Composition

Julie Doremire
Composition

Keith Sowulewski
Composition

Published by Crawford County
Avalanche, Inc., Ann Marie Milliman,
president.

Member of the Michigan Press
Association and the National
Newspaper Association.

All rights reserved. Copyright The
Crawford County Avalanche. This
content may not be archived,
retransmitted, saved in a database, or
used for any commercial purpose
without the express written
permission of The Crawford County
Avalanche.

USPS 138-880. Entered as Periodicals at
the Post Office at Grayling, MI 49738
under the Act of Congress of March 3,
1919. Published each Tuesday at 102 W.
Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

For changing address, send US Post
Office Form 3579 to the Crawford
County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490,
Grayling, MI 49738.

Subscription Rates: One year permanent
subscription in Crawford, Roscommon,
Kalamazoo, Otsego, and Oscoda counties,
\$20.00; Seasonal address changes add
\$4.00; One year non-local, outside above
counties, \$30.00; Foreign Countries,
\$40.00; Senior Citizen discount (60 or
older) \$2.00 off any of the above rates.
Subscription rates are non-refundable.

Check us out on the
Internet:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

The opinions expressed in the
letters and columns on this page
are solely those of the writer and
do not necessarily reflect the
views and opinions of the
Crawford County Avalanche.

Letters to the Editor

Petitions need to be signed to stop the move of the senior center to the old fish hatchery building

To the editor:

This is a call for all registered voting age adults and all residents of Crawford County to come to the aid of the senior citizen population.

As you know, the Commission on Aging Board has announced their intention of placing the senior center in the old fish hatchery building. Over a year ago, they started their due process, with the old fish hatchery at the top of the list, knowing all along that is where they would place the center.

The Steering Committee, the COA Board, the county commissioners and Terry Wright had to get this “white elephant” off their back, so they are trying to stick it to the senior population. The Steering Committee admitted they couldn't raise enough money to rehabilitate this old dump. They managed to get it on the “historical” list to get a portion of rehabilitation from that. Then evidently they, along with the COA, tried for grants. They weren't successful enough in that move or

with donations. COA Board member Helen Nolan stated at the COA Board Meeting on Feb. 17 that she did not think a millage would pass at this time, due to the economy. She made a motion to go for a bond. Her motion passed.

At an earlier meeting at the township hall, I asked commissioner Mike Lange about the old wood not being fire retardant. He stated it could be sprayed. This wood has been standing since 1948, and back then there was not fire retardant lumber. It is completely dried out and no amount of spraying will make it fire retardant. Mike, you can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time. I told you a year ago I knew there was an “under the table” deal.

Then, there are the residents at the housing complex who rely on hot meals because they are too old to cook. I asked director Snyder how she would continue the meal program. She stated she would confer with Jenny,

the housing director, on how they could make arrangements for the senior residents. Also, she said “Meals on Wheels” would be the most likely.

We need 10 percent or more registered voters of Crawford County to sign a petition to stop the move to this rotted old building. We'll have no parking space, if any, and then comes a millage regardless of where the center will be placed. This is a small town with very little industry and there is no way you can expect people to back you when they are losing their jobs, their homes and there isn't any income. Their families come before your dreams.

I am going to get petitions made for registered voters and I ask for volunteers to take a petition (you must be a registered voter) and get as many to sign. Again, I must stress that we only have 45 days to get signatures. You can reach me at 989-344-9490. Leave your name, address and telephone number for me if I do not answer.

Vivian Powers
Grayling

A request for the survey company that zoned the theme park area

To the editor:

When the land survey was done for the theme park, they left 3' x 3' crosses made from sheet metal on the ground. I assume they were for aerial surveillance.

Please go back and pick

them up. I assume you have the GPS coordinates of where each was placed.

Not only are they an eyesore, but they can cause injury. I've seen people slip and fall on them, when there is snow on the ground, and they cut the

paw of my dog.

They have been out there for over a year now. Each is marked with a ribboned stake.

Mike Goulet
Madison Heights

Traffic nightmare to begin

To the editor:

The contract has been awarded and work is to begin in April. The plan is to convert the I-75 Business Loop through Grayling from two lanes in each direction to one lane, plus a center left turn lane. Completion is not until sometime in 2010.

Not to worry, MDOT has it planned so that one whole lane southbound will remain open to traffic.

MDOT's stated motive is to reduce the number of accidents. They claim that recent lane conversions in Gaylord and Alpena have resulted in a reduction of crashes by over 80 percent.

This may be true for them, but neither Gaylord or Alpena has the huge amount of traffic that flows through Grayling going to

and from the Traverse City area on any summer weekend, not to mention the holidays.

My math tells me that when you reduce traffic from two lanes to one, just to come out even, you must double the length of time the green light allows traffic to move through an intersection.

This new system will not do that and traffic through town will be slower. Slower traffic means more stopping and going, causing more accidents than ever.

MDOT has confidence in their plan, but just in case, heaven forbid they are wrong, provisions are being made so that the process can be reversed and we could see four lanes again.

Harry Wojcik
Grayling

Resident disappointed with cab

To the editor:

I just want to know if there is a regulation on cab drivers? I used a cab last week and was very disappointed. They were 15 minutes late to start with and when I got in, it was a pig sty. There were food containers, empty pop cans and old coffee cups all over the floor and the smell was awful.

The driver was falling asleep and she only drove 35 miles an hour, though the roads were not bad. This, I felt, was a real hazard to me and the other drivers on the road. I hope that no one gets hurt riding with this company, I would never recommend them.

Donnetta McQueen
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be

published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

Briefs

Sheriff to attend township meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the Maple Forest Township meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Hartwick Pines to hold winter lecture

Hartwick Pines will hold "The Salling, Hanson and Company and logging at Hartwick Pines" as part of their winter lecture series on Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Visitor Center. For more information, call Rob Burg at 989-348-2537 or e-mail burg@michigan.gov.

World Day of Prayer to be held

The World Day of Prayer will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce St., Grayling, on Friday, March 6, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Call 348-5224 for information.

Chamber and USPS to hold workshop

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the United States Postal Service, will host an informative workshop on how you and your business can save time and money shipping products as well as how the USPS offers free consultation to expand your company's growth. This event will be held Thursday, March 5, at the Nature Center in the Grayling City Park from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is open to everyone. For more information, contact Theresa Compton at the Chamber office at 348-2921.

COA to hold St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Thursday, March 12, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, fruited Jell-O and secret leprechaun desserts will be served. The cost for the meal is \$2.50 for those over age 60 and for those under age 60 the cost is \$4.75. A salad bar will be offered for an additional \$1.25 for all. The meal is open to the public. For more information, call Debra Looney at 348-7123.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

KCPA presents Lowe Family

The next presentation in the performing artist series at Kirtland Community College is truly a family affair, with the Lowe Family taking center stage at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts for one show only at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 14.

Versatile on many instruments, the Lowe Family offers an amazing blend of show-stopping classical, Broadway, Irish, jazz, bluegrass, old-time favorites, spectacular dance; six-part harmony, gospel, a stirring patriotic tribute and more.

Veterans of U.S. concert tours and symphony soloists at young ages, the members of the Lowe Family have distinguished themselves from Russia to the Kennedy Center and have also appeared on ABC, CBS, Time-Warner and other stations worldwide. They have given select concerts in Europe, Canada, Latin America and China, in addition to playing all across

America for the Olympics, fairs, conventions, concert series, universities, retirement villages, government officials and churches of all faiths.

Concert-goers may find out more about the upcoming show and the Lowe Family's career in the entertainment industry by visiting online at www.thelowefamily.com/. Ticket prices for the performance are \$24 and \$22, and may be purchased in advance online or by calling the KCPA Ticket Office at 989-275-6777. Senior (55 or older), student and group discounts are available.

The Children's Learning Center, also located on Kirtland's main campus near Roscommon, will be open from 6 p.m. until the end of the show to provide child care services at \$5 for one child or \$15 per family. Free shuttle service from the parking lot to the main lobby doors is also available.

Hospice volunteer training to be conducted

Mercy Hospice is looking for individuals to assist in their growing hospice volunteer training program to be held on March 17 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Mercy Hospice Office, 324 Meadows Drive (located off I-75 Business Loop), Grayling.

"Volunteering for hospice is about helping," said Volunteer Coordinator Sherry Haag.

Have you thought about being a hospice volunteer before, but just didn't get around to it? Well, now is the time to do it, said Haag.

Can you sew, type, file or do you like to write letters?

Do you like to visit or read with people, drive a car or have computer skills? Would you be interested in taking special training to be a bereavement/grief volunteer working with families after they have lost a loved one?

If you've answered yes to any one of these questions, we need your help, said Haag.

Mercy Hospice covers service for Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Ogemaw, Otsego, Oscoda and Kalkaska counties.

To sign up for training, call Sherry Haag at 800-424-1457 or 989-344-4409.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Feb. 27 was Jason McLean.

Grayling to host presentation on community response to poverty

Dr. Donna Beegle, a nationally renowned expert on poverty, will make a series of presentations in northern Michigan to lay the foundation for a community response to poverty. Beegle grew up in generational poverty, dropped out of high school at age 15, was a divorced mother of two facing homelessness at 25 and yet by age 35 had attained her PhD.

On March 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Beegle will do a presentation at the Days Inn Conference Center in Grayling. Beegle is a powerful and inspirational speaker. She will dispel common beliefs about poverty, those who are poor, the harsh realities of their lives and the barriers that prevent them from moving forward. She will share her story of struggle and success and will provide the spark to recruit, motivate and mobilize efforts in your community to reduce poverty.

Poverty impacts us all. The daily crisis for those living in poverty, the stress on the community's health, human services and educational systems, lost productivity for employers, and a reduced tax base for local governments.

We must accept the reality that poverty exists in our communities. National statistics indicate that nearly one in three people cannot afford to meet basic needs.

Poverty can be invisible in rural areas but people can successfully move out of poverty.

Poverty is expensive and it deprives our communities of valuable resources by creating barriers that prevent individuals from realizing their full potential.

Local understanding of the issues will lead to local solutions.

Dr. Beegle's presentation in March is a part of the Voices For Action Network's efforts in our northern Michigan region to address poverty. In November, 2008, a statewide poverty summit was held in Detroit with the Michigan Department of Human Services making a firm commitment to support poverty reduction initiatives throughout the state. As part of Region II, Crawford County is joined by Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. The priority goals established for this region are: 1) job creation, 2) expanding access to early childhood education and 3) linking services for families to schools.

Each county within the region will be putting a steering committee together to determine how to best bring resources together at a local level to not only address the priority goals stated above, but to also address other pressing issues related to poverty.

There are numerous indicators of the poor economic conditions we face in Crawford County, but the most disturbing have to do with the impact poverty has on our children. According to the KIDS Count in Michigan Data Book 2008, 54 percent of Crawford County school-aged youth receive free or reduced price lunches. Of parents working a full-time

minimum wage job, those that have young children devote 34 percent of this income to paying for child care.

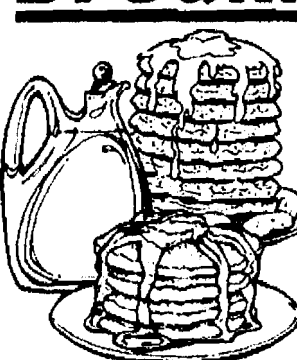
In Michigan, according to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, the current minimum wage is \$7.40 per hour. That would translate into \$15,392 before taxes at a 40-hour work week. If 34 percent of that amount is spent on child care per year, that only leaves \$10,159 before taxes for the parent/child to live on for an entire year.

Poverty no longer represents those who are unwilling to work, those whose families have lived for generations entrenched in poverty, or those who are dealing with other issues such as mental and physical disabilities that impact their ability to find and/or hold employment. Poverty impacts us all.

The Crawford County Collaborative Body is taking reservations for Beegle's Grayling presentation and seating is very limited. They are hoping those who attend will remain committed to working on this issue and become part of the local steering committee guiding the activity in our community to combat poverty.

If you are interested in attending the workshop, contact the Crawford County Collaborative Coordinator, Cindy DeLadurantaye, at 344-9335 to make reservations.

Breakfast Buffet



Saturday, February 7
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

\$6

Kalkaska Eagles
(Ernie's Old Flea Market)
M-72 WEST

Tool Savings!

1997
17 PC. Black Oxide Bit Set
000667



DuBois Lumber
and Rental Center

6593 West M-72 Hwy
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4831
(989) 348-9000

Store Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Sunday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Shop Us Online @ www.duboislumber.doitbest.com

Eliminate High Heating Bills!

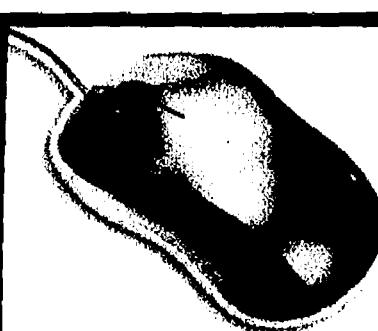


CLASSIC
Outdoor Wood Furnace
WINTER SALE
INSTANT REBATE
SAVE \$2600
UP TO

Applied toward purchase with dealer's participation.
For a limited time on select in-stock Central Boiler outdoor furnace models and ThermoPEX® Insulated piping, at participating dealers only, see dealer for details.

Outdoor Wood Furnaces
of Northern Michigan
Grayling, MI
(989) 348-7484

We also carry a full line of parts and supplies.



Check us out
crawfordcountyavalanche.com
or for our web site partners
online

Don Nester
Roscommon/Roscommon Lake, MI
JEEP CHRYSLER
www.nesterauto.com
www.nesterchevy.com

Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home Inc.
1108 North Down River Rd.
P.O. Box 602
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: 989-348-2951
Fax: 989-348-4968
www.sorensonlockwood.com
Email: sorenson-lockwood@verizon.net

OTSEGO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
989.731

McLean's Hardware
www.mcphardware.com

J. DAP CO.
118 MICHIGAN AVE.
GRAYLING, MI 49738
989-348-4011
• Gift Store
• Tuxedo Rental
• JCPenney Catalog Merchant

EAGLE CORNELL AGENCY, INC. INSURANCE
P.O. Box 527,
201 Huron St.
Grayling, MI 49738
Telephone:
(989) 348-6761

COLDWELL BANKER
CORNELL REALTY
2323 I-75 Business Loop
(Milltown Plaza) • Grayling
989-348-6481
800-300-6653
www.callcoldwellbanker.com
www.coldwellbanker.com

SCHEER MOTORS
US-27 North,
Grayling
989-348-5451
1-800-968-8848

The Medicine Shoppe
"Caring Beyond Prescriptions."
Michelle Steffy, Pharmacist/Owner
500 N. James Street
Grayling, MI
M-F: 9:30-6 • Sat: 9:30-1
(989) 348-2000
www.medicineshoppe.com

MIX Grayling
Buying or Selling?
contact
Charlene Scheer
Broker/Owner
989-348-1556
cell: 989-348-1556
c.scheer@net

To advertise
your business
online
call the Crawford
County Avalanche
989-348-6811

It's Happening at the
Grayling Senior Center
Catch all the fun by calling
989-348-7123

The Bible Speaks

No Separation from God's Love

Romans 8 is the strongest doctrinal chapter in the Bible giving us complete assurance of eternal salvation. It begins with no condemnation and ends with no separation. Can we trust God's person? Is answered in Romans 8:31: "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Can we trust God's work of love? Is answered in Romans 8:32: "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Can we trust God's justice? Is answered in Romans 8:33: "33Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Can we trust God's judgment? Is answered in Romans 8:34: "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Can we trust God's continuing love? Is answered in Romans 8:35: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Through God's love we are more than conquerors in Romans 8:36,37.

Romans 8:38,39 brings

us to God's final statement giving us complete assurance that nothing anywhere, anyway, anyhow, can ever separate us from God's love: "38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Are you fully persuaded that nothing in either death or life can separate you from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord? Are you fully persuaded that no angels, no principalities, or no powers of any kind or anywhere can separate you from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord? Are you fully persuaded that nothing from the highest heaven to the deepest hell can separate you from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord? Are you fully persuaded that no other creature of any

kind or anywhere, can in anyway separate you from God's love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord?

In case of any doubt or question, we share Paul's prayer for the saints in Ephesians 3:18,19 that you: "18May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

Jesus taught us in John 10:27-30: "27My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 30I and my Father are one." We are secure in the hands of the Father and the Son. As Colossians 3:3 promised us: "3For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Obituaries

James R. Cox

James Richard "Rick" Cox, 53, of Frederic, passed away on February 26, 2009.

He was born in Grayling, on June 8, 1955, to the late Wilson Stanley and Ila Elaine (Baldwin) Cox. He married the former Robin Hill in October 1979.

He was an antique car enthusiast and a volunteer firefighter for the Frederic Township Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Robin; son, Robert James Cox of Frederic; sister: Loretta Kinney; brother, Wilson (Butch) Stanley Cox Jr.; brother-in-laws, Ronnie Case, Robert Varco; sister-in-law, Annette Lipe; mother-in-law, Clara Varco; several nieces, nephews and friends; and his beloved pet poodle, Ruby.

He was preceded in death by parents; and sister, Florence Case.

A memorial service will be held at the Frederic Elementary School at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 7.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

James E. Knibbs

James Edward Knibbs, 95, of Roscommon, formerly of Frederic, passed away on February 27, 2009.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at the First Congregational Church in Roscommon.

Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Ethel G. VanNocker

Ethel G. VanNocker, 101, of Hastings, formerly of Grayling, passed away on February 25, 2009.

No services are planned. Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

In Memory of

Remembering a special man George R. Pamerleau, 1915 - 1989.

"Because of him our own small world will never be the same. And all our hearts are filled with love when people speak his name ... but though his face may not be seen among us here today, his love is felt in all the hearts he changed along the way."

District Health Dept. #10 Community Calendar

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for March.

Immunization clinics: March 4 and 18 by appointment. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. March 5, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 25, 26 and 30. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for March 17 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through 3rd grade. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Church Directory

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Grayling
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.mmm-umc.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909
Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable
off M-72 East (1st building on right inside
camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

The Church of Christ
with the Elijah Message
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 am

Westminster-By-The-Lake
(East of Ralph MacMillan Conference Center)
Worship with us in a beautiful outdoor chapel
(989) 821-9474
Sunday Worship 11 am

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
710 Spruce Street
(989) 348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am



First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study
available at tlmd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee
2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie - (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth
Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
Parish Office - 707 Spruce
(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifecenter.com
Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921
Saturday Evening Worship Service 7 pm
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

Church of Christ
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. - (989) 275-8613
In Search of the Lord's Way Sunday Mornings on
TV 29 & 8 7:30 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
1st Sunday Evening of every month, there is no service
Midweek Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. - (989) 348-5325
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor: John Scott
705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
Pastor: David Rosenberg
Associate Pastor: Scott Hoffer
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday Church Service 10 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday School 9 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 7 pm
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. 6:30 pm

Church Alive Church of God
Pastor: David Barker
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(231) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour & Prayer
(Wednesday) 7 pm

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS)
Pastor: Douglas Carter
The Roscommon Community Center, 510
South St., Roscommon, MI
For information call (989) 821-6013
New phone number (989) 275-3070
Sunday 9 am

Friendship Church
A Christian Reformed Ministry
Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg
415 Ohio North, Grayling
Sunday School 9 am
Morning Worship 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Valley Church of God
Pastor: Gary Thompson
(989) 422-3464 - (989) 344-0883
Meetings held at Ramada Inn
Sunday Night Potluck 5 pm
Sunday Service 6 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President: David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Grayling
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood Noon
Relief Society Noon



Basil Swerdan

9/24/1923 to 2/29/2008

Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend

It's been a year since you passed away

But you're in our thoughts

each and every day

You've touched our lives

in a special way

And we miss you

more than words can say

You're in our hearts

and that's where you'll stay

As you family and friends

remember you today

We love you

and miss you

100% DIGITAL HEARING AIDS**

0% INTEREST* For 12 Months!

Or PAYMENTS \$ **35** Per Month!
AS LOW AS



Miracle-Ear® Hearing Aids Are Some of the SMALLEST, MOST DISCREET AND MOST COMFORTABLE AVAILABLE TODAY!
Ask About Our Open-Fit Models!

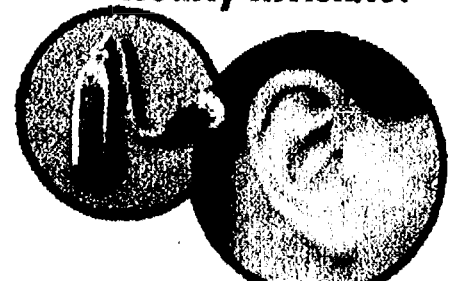
✓ **100% Programmable**

✓ **Amazing Natural Sound**
Sounds Clearer, Not Just Louder

✓ **Works Well in Background Noise and on the Phone**

✓ **Reduces Feedback**

So Small Nearly Invisible!



THIS MONTH ONLY-CALL NOW!

Miracle-Ear® Center - Grayling

1200 N. Down River Road (Milltown Clinic Building)

Every Tuesday 9-4

(800) 872-4074 ask for Eunice

Hearing aids do not restore natural hearing. Individual experiences vary depending upon severity of hearing loss, accuracy of evaluation, proper fit and ability to adapt to amplification. A Miracle-Ear representative can determine which models and options may be right for you. **NO INTEREST IF PAID WITHIN PROMOTIONAL PERIOD! MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENTS REQUIRED. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS. *Valid on purchases made on a Citi Card account. A \$300 minimum purchase amount is required for plans longer than 3 months. On promo purchase, monthly payments required, but no finance charges will be assessed if (1) promo purchase paid in full in 12 months, (2) any minimum monthly payments on account paid when due, and (3) account balance does not exceed credit limit. Otherwise, promo may be terminated & finance charges assessed from purchase date. On promotions requiring a minimum payment, payments over the minimum will usually be applied to those promo balances before non-promo and other balances. If you have a non-promo balance, this may reduce the benefit from the promo. If you want to change this payment allocation, please call Customer Service. Standard terms apply to non-promo purchases, optional charges & existing accounts. As of 11/1/08, variable APRs: 21.98% & on all accounts in default, 29.99%. Minimum Finance Charge \$2.00. Subject to approval by GE Money Bank. A \$35 payments with approved credit. See your Miracle-Ear representative for full details.

GRAYLING BIG BOY RESTAURANT

Stop in after church for
brunch
348-7654

DON KERNSTOCK LICENSED BUILDER

New Home Construction
Remodeling • Garages
348-8945 • Grayling

JANSEN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

Complete Insurance Service
348-6711
237D S. I-75 BL • Grayling

DOORWAYS OF THE NORTH INC.

Garage Doors-Windows
Since 1980
348-5426

STEPHAN WOOD PRODUCTS

605 Huron • Grayling
GRAYLING GLASS COMPANY
Ken & Carol Taskey
503 McClellan • Grayling
348-6641

MOORE'S AUTOMOTIVE

348-6371
201 James • Grayling

This Church Directory is used by residents and visitors. If you wish to show your support for area churches, call the Avalanche at 348-6811 to be included on this page.

GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for December are: (from left to right, back row) Aleeshia Allison, Adam Brill, Tracey Burch, Emma Burke, Kassie Bryan, Kaitlyn Clower, Anna Grosskopf, Caleb Fyan, Jo Hamlin; (middle row) Greg Hardy, Hannah Haven, John Hilbrecht, Courtney Hill, Naomi Kolka, Diane Larson, Louis Menard, Cassandra Northrup, Jacob Perry; (front row) James Piper, Jacob Robbins, William Romain, David Somero, Krymson Turner, Daniel White.

Youth raise funds to battle hunger with Will Starve for Food campaign

Continued from 1A

Teens from the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church youth group got involved in World Vision's Will Starve for Food campaign for a second year in row last weekend, going without food for 30 hours to get a taste of what the world's poorest children and families face every day. The teens were joined by youth leaders Jessie Schutte, Suzanne Harmon and Renee Smith.

Pledges were raised in advance, with the understanding that every \$30 the teens raised could help feed and care for a child for a month.

Teens in the youth group, as well as some friends, stayed at the church on Friday night. They played a game called Tribe, where they took on the identity of children living in third-world countries and practiced the survival skills they use to stay alive. The teens were separated into different groups representing Peru, Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador. The game included an endurance test where the youth had to hold a gallon of water at a 90 degree angle to simulate how families walk for several miles just to get fresh water. They simulated crossing a river to learn team work, participated in a relay race and learned about poverty issues.

According to a hunger fact sheet provided by World Vision:

- A total of 143 children under age 5 in developing countries are underweight because of poor nutrition.
- Of the 6.6 billion people in today's world, 2.1 billion people live on less than \$2 per day.
- In the United States:
 - 35.5 million people - including 12.6 million children - live in households that experience hunger or the risk of hunger, representing one in 10 households in the country. Members of these households have low quality diets or must resort to seeking emergency food assistance because they cannot always afford the food they need.
 - Preschool and school aged children who experience severe hunger have higher levels of chronic illness, anxiety, depression and behavior problems than children with no hunger.
- Also on Friday, the youth group held a prayer walk around the community. They said a prayer at Camp

Grayling's Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site for the men and women currently deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also prayed at the Grayling Middle School, the Grayling High School and the City of Grayling's AuSable River Park for youth dealing with peer pressure, bullying and drug and alcohol use.

On Saturday, the youth volunteered at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library for about an hour, dusting shelves, straightening up shelves, making sure books were in their proper place and disinfecting computer keyboards and monitors.

Jeri Selthoffer, president of the Crawford County Library Board, said it is wonderful to see teens getting involved in the community.

"I can't think of a better place to volunteer than the library because the library benefits everyone that takes advantage of its services," Selthoffer said.

The teens also visited residents at Mercy Manor and gave them decorative crosses made out of wooden matches, which had been lit to give an artistic edge to the multi-dimensional crosses.

Mary Bonkowski, a Mercy Manor resident, said it warmed her heart to visit with the youth and receive a cross.

"Most everyone just loved them and they're just beautiful," Bonkowski said.

Torrey Messerschmidt, a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church's youth group, said she was tickled to brighten the seniors' day.

"If felt nice because the people loved them so much and thought they were great," she said.

The youth group spent most of the remainder of the afternoon playing Tribe.

"Even when they had free time, they wanted to play Tribe," Harmon said. "They liked taking on the identity of these children and learning what they go through every day."

Following a clean-up of the church, the teens were quarantined with their sense of smell, taste buds and eyes as far from the church kitchen as possible.

After the 30 hours was complete, the teens were served with an Italian feast including lasagna, spaghetti, pizza, chicken alfredo, fresh baked rolls and berry parfaits.



Photo by Dan Sanderson

This year, teens from the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church raised \$643 through the 30 Hour Famine as of Monday and have a goal to raise \$700. Above, Matt Dunkel and Michael Harmon are pictured giving a cross to Mercy Manor resident Robert Cadwallader.

Last year, the teens raised about \$567 and also visited the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter. This year, the teens raised \$643 as of Monday and have a goal to raise \$700. A famine service was held at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, where more donations were received from the church's congregation.

Michael Harmon, a youth group member who has participated in the Will Starve for Food campaign for two years, said going through the 30 hours on nothing but juice was worth it to help the needy.

"It shows you can help people live better lives for a minimum amount of money per day," Harmon said. "It helps you feel what they feel for a weekend."

Funds raised from the Will Starve For Food campaign helps feed and care for children in poverty-afflicted countries around the globe, including families in need in the United States.

The 30 Hour Famine funds contribute to World Vision's response to areas where famine, conflict and other crises make children vulnerable to hunger and preventable diseases. Since 1992, the 30 Hour Famine has raised more than \$188 million. The organization works in 100 countries, helping approximately 100 million people every year.



ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS



WE HAVE INSURANCE THAT WILL FLOAT YOUR BOAT

JANSEN
AGENCY & ASSOC., INC.

348-6711

Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
We're only about what you need to.

P.O. Box 172, 250 S. E-75 Bus. Loop, Grayling, MI

GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION

Entertainment Series

Rich Ridenour and Son



Thursday, March 12

Grayling High School ~ Joseph Stripe Auditorium

Doors open at 6:15 ~ Performance at 7 pm

Tickets \$12/\$10 seniors/students

(family package available)

Tickets Available at

door or at Riverland Gear

in Uptown Grayling

989-344-0047

Birch Street DENTAL CARE

Dan Soenen, D.D.S., P.C.

Frank Selega, D.D.S.

508 N. Birch St., Kalkaska

231-258-5395 • 1-888-BirchSt

BIRCHSTREETDENTAL.COM

All Phases of Treatment including
Extractions, Root Canals & Implants
Emergency Care Same Day

I.V. Sedation Available
(Sleep Dentistry)

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS OF ALL AGES.



**GRAYLING
FAMILY PRACTICE
CLINIC, P.C.**

1010 W North Down River Rd. • Grayling, MI 49738

- M. Burkley, D.O.
- C. Gosling, M.D.
- G. Hanert, D.O.
- L. Harrington, D.O.
- M. Rosi, FNP
- E. Weeks, D.O.

GET TO KNOW OUR FAMILY!



Grayling Family Practice
Clinic proudly presents
another member of our family
Marilyn Rosi, FNP

Marilyn Rosi joined the Grayling Family Practice Clinic in 1995 as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She received her degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Marilyn provides a broad range of care to patients of all ages. She has a particular interest in Women's Health issues. Marilyn resides in Grayling with her husband where she enjoys gardening, outdoor sports and spending time with her family.

Marilyn is currently accepting new patients. Please call 989-348-7671 to schedule an appointment.

For an appointment call 989-348-7671

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Thursday - March 12

Grayling Senior Center
308 Lawndale St. • 989-348-7123

Corned Beef & Cabbage • Boiled Potatoes
Glazed Carrots • Fruited Jell-O
Secret Leprechauns' Desserts

60 & Over \$2.50 Suggested Donation

Under 60 Cost is \$4.75

Salad bar cost is \$1.25 for all.

Open to public

Senior Center Raffle
Drawing immediately following
dinner.
Get your tickets & Good Luck!

SERVING DINNER
4pm-6pm
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, March 6 - Lunch-baked ham with apple glaze, winter blend vegetables, marshmallow sweet potatoes and pineapple. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, March 9 - Lunch - chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, green beans and peaches. Dinner - spaghetti with meat sauce, wax beans, cauliflower, breadsticks and an apple. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, March 10 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts and orange sections. Dinner - roast turkey, stuffing, green bean casserole, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study,

12:30 p.m. Euchre, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, March 11 - Lunch - stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, cauliflower and pears. Birthday Dinner - Barbecue chicken breast, baked potato, winter blend vegetables, peas, pineapple and cake and ice cream. 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rummage Sale, 1 p.m. pool league, 5 p.m. Birthday Dinner.

Thursday, March 12 - Lunch - chicken stir-fry, brown rice, asparagus and fruit cocktail. St. Patrick's Day Dinner - corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots and fruited jello. 10 a.m. craft class, 12:30 p.m. Cops and Seniors Initiative Meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

Library News

Story Hour is held every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library. This is an interactive program for preschool children and their parents with stories, crafts and a light snack.

The Sit n' Knit Club will meet on Thursday, March 5, at 10 a.m. at the Devereaux Memorial Library. If you are a complete beginner or a master knitter, you are wel-

come to join the group. For more information, contact Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

The Lovells Township Library will hold a St. Patrick's Day program called "Luck of the Irish" on Saturday, March 7, at 1 p.m. Call Connie Meyer, at 348-9343, to sign up for this program which includes stories, crafts and a snack.

"At Knit's End" is a beginner's knitting workshop that will be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. Personal instruction from one of the Sit n' Knit Club experts will be provided, as well as needles and yarn for those who do not have their own. For more information on the workshop or to sign up, call Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

We Cater To COWARDS



New Patients Are Always Welcome
John P. Marconnit
D.D.S., P.C.
General Dentistry
Office Hours By Appointment
Monday through Thursday
(989) 786-2104
P.O. Box 170, Bay Street.
Lewiston, MI 49756

Five Generations



Five generations are pictured here (from left to right) great great-grandma Ruby Huffman, great-grandma Linda Munsey, grandma Lorie Munsey, mother Ashley Rach and baby Ella Mae Rach.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 72 complaints the week of Feb. 23 - March 1.

One suicide, 17 general non-criminal complaints, one hazardous-spill/leak/power line, one false alarm activation, two larcenies, one fraudulent activity, one non-sufficient funds check, three damage to properties, three public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, one operating while intoxicated, one health and safety, one mis-

cellaneous arrest, 18 traffic accidents, one accident-fire, four accidents-all other, three family troubles-domestic, seven suspicious situations, four driving violations/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Births



Tyler and Stacey Huber announce the arrival of their daughter, Ava Marie, born January 29, 2009, weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and measuring 19 inches in length.

Her proud grandparents are Chuck and Karen Huber

and Jim and Roxy Brown, all of Grayling. The great-grandparents are Yvonne Bindschattel, Delores and the late Larry Balch, the late Dick Huber, Monte Malonen, and Emma and the late Thomas Brown, all of Grayling, Laura and the late Eldon Holcomb of Kalkaska and Billie and Edith Pettit of Auburn Hills. The great great-grandmother is Geraldine Pettit Lewis of Ottisville.

Area Business Directory

Put your business before 8,000 readers and the Internet for only \$3.85 per week!

Gaylord Electric

Licensed & Insured



- Residential •
- Commercial •
- Industrial •
- Lighting Specialist •
- 24 Hour Service

Lic. #6107894

5825 West Miller Rd
Lewiston, MI 49756
Office: 989-786-3885
Fax: 989-786-7885

Martin SCHILBE TREE CARE

Certified Arborist • Fully Insured
Aerial Equipment • Tree Climbing
View Development • Tree Trimming
Tree Removal • Stump Grinding
FULLY INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES
989-821-8555 • 1-800-829-8555

Put your business
before over
8,000 readers and the
Internet for
\$100 for 6 months
(\$3.85 per week)
Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Todd Nye Nye & Associates, PLLC

Attorney at Law
Grayling, MI
Toll Free: (866) 868-2142
Phone: (989) 414-2724
Fax: (989) 414-2785

Northern Michigan Metal Roofing

Mark & Mary Kaye Severance - Owners

STEEL SHINGLES
Standing Seam

Free Estimates
Licensed & Insured

989-275-6900

522 N. 5th St., Roscommon, MI • www.metal-shingles.com

Northern Lawn & Homecare L.L.C.

Quality is #1 Satisfaction Guaranteed

Home Maintenance & Repair • Snowplowing
• Landscaping • Yard Cleanup • Lawn Care • Cabin
& Home Watching • Power Washing • Irrigation &
Complete Lawn Care

WE DO IT ALL

CALL CHARLIE BERTRAM
FOR FREE ESTIMATE

989-348-5725, Cell: 989-390-0093

cjc12@verizon.net
Residential & Commercial licensed & insured
• Senior Discounts



TREE AND CRANE SERVICE

Stump Grinding • Concrete or Wood
Seawall's • Landscaping

30 years experience Guaranteed Construction
Estimates Given & Insured

John Schilbe 989-275-5021 • 1-800-428-3019

Put your business before over
8,000 readers and the Internet for
This space \$200 for 6 months (\$7.69
per week) Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Rick Wyskiel
Wants to be your
Professional Service
Technician. Bring in
this Ad, ask for me,
and receive 10% OFF
parts & labor.

3433 W. M-55 • West Branch
East of I-75 • Exit 215
989-345-2571
1-800-341-HART(4278)

POLE BUILDINGS

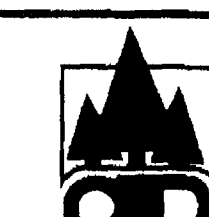


Commercial, Farm, or Residential
30 years experience
Standing Seam Metal Roofing
Licensed & Insured
Free Estimates

J.W. Hagerman Construction
(989) 348-1662 • Cell: (989) 619-6780
Grayling

Mike Lesko
Propane Sales &
Service
**Petroleum
Marketers**

Office: 989-348-7647
800-292-9295
113 Fig Street
Grayling, MI 49738



FOREST PRODUCTS
LARGEST INDUSTRIAL LUMBER
PRODUCER IN THE LAKE STATES

We Buy Standing Timber
With Supervised Cutting
By Our Professional
Foresters.

"A Forest Friendly Company"
Four Mile Rd. • P.O. BOX 829
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5412

HMI SPECIALTIES

• Concrete Hearths & Mantels • Epoxy Flooring • Kitchen & Bath Cabinets
• Cabinet Layout & Design • Cultured Stone • Real Stone Veneer • Field Stone
• Countertops: Concrete • Solid Surface • Granite • Engineered Stone • Laminate
SHOW ROOM • FREE ESTIMATES • LICENSED & INSURED
Quality Craftsmanship by Professional Designers, Craftsman & Artisans
hmicct.com

6811 M-93 South
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone: (989) 348-8179
Fax: (989) 348-5096

Rick Grisham
Financial Advisor
307 Huron St. Suite 1
Grayling, MI 49738
989-348-6864
www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones
Member SIPC

Michael A. DiPonte
Certified Public Accountant
Lake Margrethe
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-1704

Accounting, tax and
consulting services

Grayling Hospital for Animals, P.C.

Dr. Paul W. Meszack
Dr. Troy Fairbanks
Dr. Nancy Martindale
Dr. Doug Ban Dkai
5806 West M-72
Grayling, Michigan 49738
AT ALL TIMES PH: 348-8622
HOURS: BY APPOINTMENT

Do you need a high
quality, dependable
care giver for you or
your loved one?
**Compassionate Care
Home Health Services Inc.**
Offers Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Companion
& Live-In services from 2 to 24 hours per day
Offices in Gaylord, Alpena, Oscoda, West Branch
and Midland
Please call toll free
1-877-308-1212
when only home
will do, we can help

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR
Victims Of Domestic Violence
Emotional • Verbal
Sexual • Physical
Weekly groups available in
Crawford and Ogemaw counties
for more information,
Call River House Shelter
348-3169
COLLECT CALLS ACCEPTED

Family completes \$500,000 pledge to Mercy Hospital Grayling Emergency Department

In what she labeled as a "dream come true," Marie Brasza-Pinch walked in with the final installment to her family's \$500,000 pledge to Mercy Hospital Grayling, realizing her deceased parents' wishes to help give the region a first-class Emergency Department.

"Everything this space has become is way beyond my expectations," she said, shortly after delivering the check. "From the beginning, we knew we were funding a wonderful cause that everyone - from the CEO on down - made possible. It just goes to show what can be done when we as a community all pull together and give our support to something as important as the Emergency Department. The whole journey has been so inspiring and the results are living proof that our community cares."

Staff and visitors alike consistently comment that the 18,466 square-foot Brasza-Pinch Family Emergency Department, featuring 15 private treatment rooms, two trauma rooms, a three-shower decontamination room and a special waiting area for children, is "very functional and beautiful."

Traveling nurses have suggested that the facility's state-of-the-art technology, equipment, communications and security systems be used as a model

for other hospitals, said Pattie Walker, Director of Emergency Services for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"We're delighted to now provide our staff and physicians with a facility that will match the outstanding care they provide," she said of the renovation. "Patients are very complimentary of the care they receive in our Emergency Department - the new setting has made it that much better."

The emergency department renovations were made possible from generous donations from area businesses, families, non-profit organizations, seasonal residents and visitors. The Brasza-Pinch Family Emergency Department is a part of a long-term master facility plan at Mercy Hospital Grayling that began several years ago. The plan has included renovations in surgical suites, ambulatory surgery, the Maternal and Newborn Center, pharmacy and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Currently, an additional \$6 million in renovations are underway. A state-of-the-art 64-slice CT scanner and radiology suite have already been added, and by fall, renovations will also be complete for the front entrance, registration and waiting areas, chapel, nuclear medicine, specialty/cardiology clinic space, respiratory care and radiology (including digital



Marie Brasza-Pinch (left) and Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak (right), Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO, review a thank you card signed by Mercy Grayling employees for the Brasza family's generous gift to the hospital.

mammography, ultrasound and bone density).

The two-year anniversary of the Brasza-Pinch Family Emergency Department grand reopening marks the end to a long, community-wide journey to excellence, said Brasza-Pinch.

"I am proud to have partnered with Mercy and to be a part of the continuing development of this fine organization," she said. "I encourage everyone to support our local hospital, because no gift is too small and every penny counts. Together as a community we can make a difference to our hometown hospital."

Mercy Hospital Grayling Background

Mercy Hospital Grayling is a 49-bed hospital that includes a separate 40-bed skilled nursing facility, an extensive ambulatory (out-patient) center and a medical staff of over 40 physicians.

Mercy Hospital Grayling's annual benefit to the surrounding community is more than \$5.5 million; \$5.2 million of which is funneled to charity care.

Mercy is owned by Trinity Health, the fourth-largest Catholic health care system in the country. For more information visit mercygrayling.com.

Reverse Mortgage
SENIOR INDEPENDENCE, LLC
Reverse Mortgage Specialists
348-8253
JERRY G. GOSNELL
123 BLACK BEAR DRIVE
GRAYLING MICHIGAN
jerrygosnell@hotmail.com

ANTLER CREEK KENNELS
Pet Boarding & Grooming
Scott & Nancy Asman
1050 Ryno Rd (M-72)
Luzerne, MI 49836
989-826-6637

- NEW FACILITY
- IN FLOOR HEATING
- INDOOR/OUTDOOR RUNS 8'X16'
- COMPLETELY COVERED
- DOGS WALKED DAILY
- MULTIPLE DOG DISCOUNTS
- PICK-UP AVAILABLE
- CATS WELCOME TOO!



Houghton Lake Foot Clinic

Timothy C. St. John, D.P.M.
Physician & Surgeon of the Foot

Welcoming New Patients

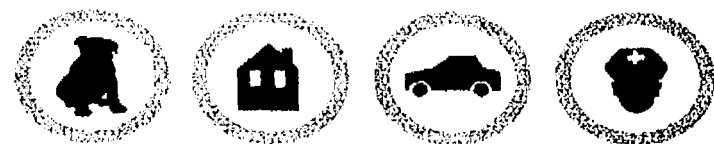
(989) 366-8332

Professional Foot
Care With A
Gentle Touch
We Accept Most
Insurances

- Arthritis • Heel Pain • Bunions • Warts •
- Hammer Toes • High Arches • Flat Feet • Corns •
- Calluses • Ingrown Toenails • Sports Injuries •
- Gout • Diabetic Foot Problems •

Located 1/4 Mile West of Walmart • (M-55) 3179 W. Houghton Lake Drive

Sell it in the
CLASSIFIEDS,
They get results!



Crawford County Avalanche

Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

Grayling plant blasts winter's blues

On Feb. 4, Springs Window Fashions of Grayling, in the industrial park, held a "Winter Blues Blast" celebration for its nearly 100 workers. Representatives of plant work teams "bowled" frozen Cornish hens at 10-pin bowling lanes plowed out in the plant's parking lot. Non-bowlers competed with word-find games and all associates enjoyed a chili lunch.

Second shift coordinator Joe Pritchett and associate Neil Fulton led the "hen tossers" and won gifts for their moulding/sanding co-workers. Conciliatory gum-

mee chickens went to the plant's shipping/finishing teams for its scoreless tosses. Associates Sue Good, Karen Hawkins and Jason Collen won the word-find contest.

The morale building event was the idea of plant spirit team leader Mary McQuade to chase away the winter blues. Plant manager Dan Heinz participated by throwing three birds to break a tie on day shift.

The Grayling plant produces unfinished wood window blind and interior shutter components and employs nearly 100 associates.



Maintenance tech Jason Clark (left) bowls a frozen chicken while maintenance coordinator Keith Henderson (right) waits his turn at Springs Window Fashions' Winter Blues Blast.

Area Business Directory

Put your business before 8,000 readers and the internet for only \$3.85 per week!

QuSable CONSTRUCTION

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
2342 Industrial St.
Grayling Industrial Park
Grayling, MI
(989) 348-5477 FAX (989) 348-3232

ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY

403 Huron Street
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-4036
www.ROWPSC.com
Large Firm Resource. Personal Attention.

MODULAR & MANUFACTURED HOMES

1-800-355-5488
GRAYLING MFG. HOUSING
4474 M-72 WEST (EAST OF GRAYLING)
www.graylingmfghousing.net
FINANCING AVAILABLE

HALLETT HEATING & A/C

24 Hour Service
• Repair or replace most
all Gas Fired Appliances
& Oil Furnaces
• Michigan Licensed
• Family Business
with Family Values
Scott & Michele Hallett
989-749-2447

Jack Millikin, Inc.
Excavating & Redi-Mix
Grayling, MI

Masonry Work,
Septic Installation,
Repair & Service-Sand-Gravel,
Topsoil-Brick Pavers,
Block & Insulated Poured Wall
Foundation



(989) 348-8411
Fax: (989) 348-3913
E-mail: jackmillikin@verizon.net
www.jackmillikin.com

BIG WHEEL

Construction Service
Egress windows, stairs &
roofing, drywall, concrete.
"we do it all."
Licensed & Insured
(989) 390-3980 (989) 348-7398
6440 Richard Rd., Grayling, MI
Owner Super Dave Reichelderfer

X COPY CENTER

SIGNS FOR YOUR JOBSITE
989-348-7872

Kernstock Builders
Quality Work for 35 years
Family Owned and Operated
Licensed & Insured
989-348-8945

Homes
Additions
Garages
Remodeling
Decks
Roofing
107 Kings Court
Grayling, MI 49738

Need a "Housewatcher"?

We will look after your seasonal
or full time home all 4 seasons,
1 week or 52.
Reasonable Rates • Experienced
Satisfaction Assured

The "Housewatcher People"

J.T. Cochrane Construction

New Construction or Remodeling for your
Northern home retreat.
Complete general contracting services for
your individual project.
• Additions • Decks • Siding •
• Garages • and more •
Custom design service available
phone: (989) 348-8527
fax: (989) 348-9643
e-mail: cochrane1@t2k.com

Signs & Banners

• Signs • Banners
• Lighted Message Board
Rentals & Sales
• Fast Friendly Service AND
FREE DELIVERY too!
Call Pete Kocofas
989-348-8627 or
1-800-848-1268
www.SignsUSA.com

Residential • Insured • Interior
Commercial Exterior

Hall's Painting
Drywall Repair, Textured Ceilings &
Walls, Powerwashing, Deck Refinishing
(989) 348-8169
Gary & Brenda Hall (810) 338-1399

M.J. BANKER, INC.
CUSTOM HOME & CABIN CHECK

Our inspection
service can
help you enjoy
your time away.

Retired Law Enforcement 231-258-4445
George (Bud) Banker MBANKERINC@gmail.com BOUND & INSURED

HAL'S MASONRY INC.
The Foundation Dreams Are Built On

MASONRY SERVICES
Block • Brick
Cultured Stone • Flatwork
Stamped Concrete
Poured Walls • Retaining Walls
Concrete Countertops
Decorative Concrete
Patios • Hearths & Mantels
EXCAVATING SERVICES
6811 M-93 S.
GRAYLING, MI 49738
HMICCT.com
(989) 348-8179
Fax: (989) 348-5096
Licensed & Insured

Thomas I. O'Brien Architect Inc.

307 North Fifth St.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-3075

Beckett Contracting, Inc.

New Homes • Additions • Siding
Remodeling • Garages • Roofing
Licensed & Insured
P.O. Box 319, Roberts Rd.
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone 348-7237

Heating & Air Conditioning

NORTHERN MECHANICAL
• Sheet Metal
Fabrication
• 27 Years
Experience
• Insured
• Licensed
Mechanical
Contractor
Jeff Rose, Owner
989-348-6574

Jim's Well Drilling

Grayling, Michigan
4" Thru 8" Wells
Pump Sales & Service
PVC and Steel • Free Estimates
Established 1966 • State Lic. #2200
(989) 348-8788
Fax: (989) 348-4224

Put your business

before over
8,000 readers and the
Internet for
\$100 for 6 months
(\$3.85 per week)
Home Page Address:
crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Life Insurance protection and all your money back!

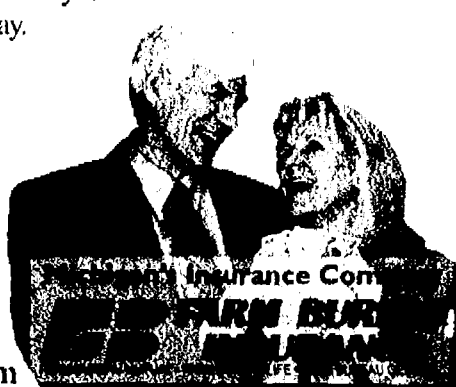
How's that for a guarantee? If you live to the end of the policy, you get back all the premiums you paid into it...tax-free. It's called "the Return of Premium Rider" and your Farm Bureau Insurance agent can tell you all about it. Call today.



Herb Olson

204 Ionia
Grayling
348-9456

www.HerbOlson.com



All-You-Can-Eat FISH \$8.00 PUBLIC WELCOME

Friday, March 6 • 4:30 - 7 pm
Dine In or Carry Out 348-5287

Wing Dings, Alaskan Pollack, French Fries, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter & Dessert



Grayling Eagles
Aerie 3465
M-72 East
Grayling



NEED RUBBER STAMPS?

Crawford County Avalanche
Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

Keep the IRS Out of your IRA

Northland offers IRA Certificates and Savings accounts. Contribute to your IRA before April 15!



It is never too early or late to place money aside for your retirement.



1-800-336-2308

www.northlandcu.com

Must qualify for membership and open a \$5 share account.

GPA presents Rich Ridenour and Son

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting Rich Ridenour and Son at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

Father and son team Rich and Brandon Ridenour have been entertaining on stage together since Brandon was seven.

Today, as a soloist, Brandon pushes the trumpet beyond limits with his unique style of playing, arranging and composing.

Rich and Brandon's 2005 CD release of *Trumpet Invasion* showcases creative adoptions of favorite works not originally written for the trumpet. *Variations on Chopsticks*, Mozart's *Rondo alla Turca* and Gershwin's come alive like never before and have won the Ridenours national acclaim as a duo.

Besides programming great music for all ages, Rich and Brandon have a comedic presence that only father and son share on a stage.

At age 21, trumpeter Brandon recently became the youngest member of the

prestigious Canadian Brass. He toured China, Poland, Canada and many U.S. cities with the renowned group and recorded two new Canadian Brass CDs.

Brandon was a featured soloist with Marvin Hamlisch and the National Symphony Orchestra in May and December of 2006 at the Kennedy Center. He toured Europe with the Juilliard Orchestra and played on two PBS Live from Lincoln Center broadcasts. Also in 2006, he won the International Trumpet Guild solo competition playing his own composition entitled *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano*.

Brandon graduated from the Juilliard School of Music in 2007.

Rich has built a formidable career performing concerts of great piano favorites ranging from classical masterworks to American ragtime, jazz and rock and roll.

Recently Rich covered for Peter Nero with two hours notice to perform *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Detroit Symphony at Orchestra Hall. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and



Rich Ridenour and Son will be performing for the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Thursday, March 12.

the Juilliard School of Music.

Tickets are \$12 for an individual or \$10 for seniors or students. Family rates are available. Tickets can be purchased in advance in uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

For more information on this performance, or a schedule of the upcoming

series, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

This entertainment series is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

Hidden sensors nab overweight trucks

by Tim Weatherhead
Capital News Service

State Police and the Department of Transportation (MDOT) are using sensors buried under Michigan's highways to crack down on overweight trucks.

Capt. Robert Powers, commanding officer of the State Police traffic safety division, said the new underground technology could be an effective deterrent to violators.

"Wireless 'weigh-in-motion' (WIM) sites are places where a sensor is buried in the pavement," Powers said. "When the truck passes over, the sensor measures the weight and speed of the truck. Then, an officer with a laptop at a remote location can monitor that and see if the truck is overweight."

"It's a lot less expensive than a typical weigh station, and legal trucks can continue down the road at a normal speed so it is very effective," he said.

The State Police and MDOT began installing WIM sensors in 2007. Currently, 20 WIM sensors are located around the state.

Lt. Rodney Bloss, of the State Police motor carrier division, is based in Traverse City and heads the division for 19 northern Lower Peninsula counties and the entire Upper Peninsula. He said the departments must be careful where they put their sensors.

"They have to be strategically placed where we have an officer who can work the area," he said. "We work very closely with MDOT and we have placed them where we think they can do the most good."

"It is something we recognize and need to be aware of so we can get the most bang for our buck," he said.

Powers said his agency has had positive feedback about the sensors.

"We installed one on I-75 in Gaylord, and within the first week an officer using it identified 10 trucks as overweight," Powers said. "He said that if it hadn't been for the new equipment, he would have let eight of the trucks go

by."

Jack Peet, traffic safety manager for AAA Michigan based in Grand Rapids, said it's still too early to declare WIM sensors a success.

"In terms of new technology, there isn't enough statistical data to make an informed decision but anything that will assist in the efforts of deterring overweight vehicles from being on the road will be a positive," he said. "With limited resources these agencies need assistance in identifying overweight vehicles."

"It's a little early to say if WIM sensors have had an impact."

Violators face fines based on the amount of excess weight they're caught hauling.

Powers spoke recently to the State Transportation Commission about the collaborative efforts of the State Police and MDOT, as well as WIM technology.

Commission advisor Frank Kelley agreed that WIM sensors could be the most successful method of deterring overweight vehicles.

"It is the way to go in the future because it would make it easier for police to detect whether a truck is properly loaded on its axle," he said.

"It sounds like, in terms of enforcement, it's difficult to

catch them the old way to the point where we have to use more technology than the truck drivers themselves are using," he said.

Powers said overweight trucks damage roads.

"Overweight trucks do a tremendous amount of wear and tear to our roadways," he said. "One truck with a legal weight causes the equivalent damage of 9,000 cars going over the same strip of road. That's what engineers tell us."

If a legal truck causes that much wear and tear, the effect of an overweight truck is exponentially higher."

Kelley said Michigan already allows heavier trucks than other states.

"Michigan has the highest load limit in the United States and for them to abuse that load limit is not right," he said. "Our roadways are already underfunded and they're deteriorating at a rapid pace."

Powers also said that overweight trucks are a danger to other vehicles.

"An overweight truck going down the road takes more time and distance to stop," he said. "Overweight trucks can't maneuver as quickly, and if they are involved in an accident, the damage they could do could be much more severe, so it's something we're very concerned about."

Area Business Directory

Put your business before 8,000 readers and the internet for only \$3.85 per week*

ARMY NAVY PINEVIEW SURPLUS & SUPPLY

Dan & Chris Klatt
989-348-8300 Fax: 989-348-7955
Pineview Motel
7328 Old-27 North, Frederic, MI 49733

A.I. Security LLC
Locally Owned
Licensed & Insured
Routine Residential & Commercial Checks

Your Security Guard Needs

Mike Ingalls
344-0868

GRAYLING AREA Internet Services
Local Access!
as low as \$18.95 per month

1.888.282.4932

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for This space \$200 for 6 months (\$7.69 per week) Home Page Address: crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Sorenson Lockwood Funeral Home
Terrie L. Lockwood
Manager / Owner

- * Cremation Options
- * Monuments
- * Markers
- * Pre-Arranged Funerals

1108 North Down River Road
P.O. Box 602
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Phone: 989-348-2951
Fax: 989-348-4968

www.sorensonlockwood.com

Mark & Mary Kaye Severance, Owners

METAL ROOFING OUTLET

SALES • SUPPLIES • INSTALLATION

989-275-6900
522 N. 5th St. • Roscommon, MI
www.metal-shingles.com

JOE FRITCH JASON SMALL
FRITCH ELECTRIC INC. DBA
PRIMARY ELECTRIC

Electrical Contractors
P.O. Box 398
Grayling, Michigan 49738
Bus. (989) 348-6440
Fax (989) 348-4151

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services

Educational/Support Group for Women
Dealing with Domestic Violence Issues

Offered by River House Shelter & Domestic Crisis Services

Please Call
1-800-554-3169 or 989-348-3169
P.O. Box 661, Grayling, MI 49738

Herbert Plumbing & Heating

Residential & Commercial
Plumbing • Heating • Mechanical

Service available 24 hours
Custom Sheet Metal Shop

Call for free estimates
989-348-4900
26 N. I-75 Bus. Loop • Grayling
(1 mile N. of M-72 West light)

Put your business before over 8,000 readers and the Internet for \$100 for 6 months (\$3.85 per week)
Home Page Address: crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Dan's Plumbing & Service
Licensed Master Plumber
Licensed Mechanical Contractor

PLUMBING • HEATING
INSTALLATION

New Homes Boilers
Remodeling of Kitchen & Baths Forced Air
Repair Repairs
Free Estimates

Dan Wichert • 348-2539

American Storage
in Frederic & new location in Grayling

Now Leasing
Under New Management
Great Rates

800-225-0434
989-344-8034

GRAY LAKES SOFT WATER

FREE IN-HOME WATER ANALYSIS
• SALES
• SERVICE
• RENTALS

Over 27 Years Experience
Reverse Osmosis Soft Delivery

989-366-4043 • 888-744-7638
1822 B.W. HOUGHTON LAKE DR. HOUGHTON LAKE

Don't Outsource... COME TO THE SOURCE!

X COPY CENTER
989-348-7872

COPIES • PRINTING • BUSINESS CARDS • LETTERS • ENVELOPES • LAMINATING • INVITATIONS • BROCHURES • BUSINESS FORMS • BLUE PRINTS • CUSTOM GRAPHIC DESIGN

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

Blizzardfest raises nearly \$1,000 for youth programs

Continued from 1A

"The National Guard's been great," Aubry said.

After competitors were finished slinging tennis balls across the ice, it was time to relocate to the warmer confines of the

base armory for a euchre tournament.

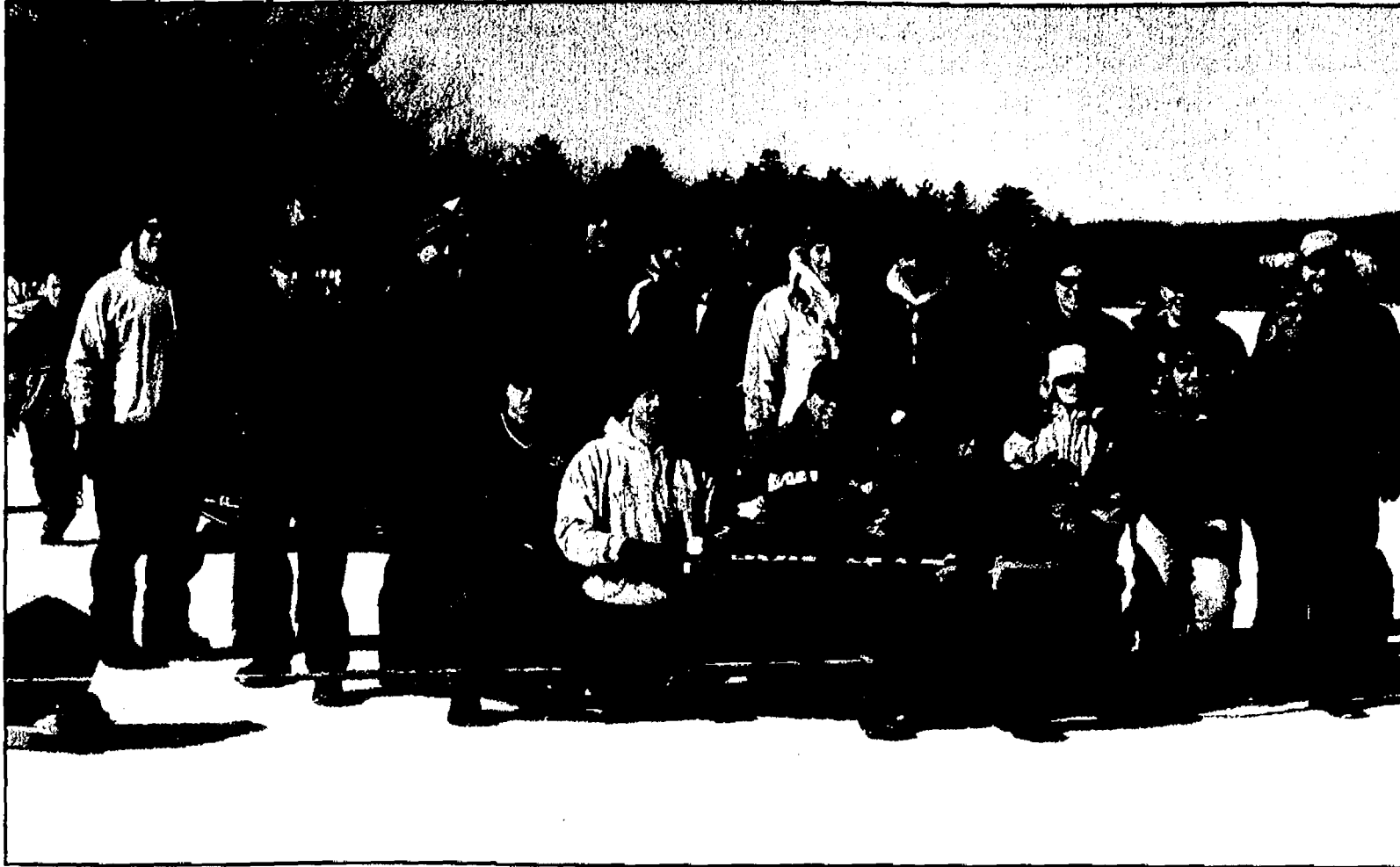
Twenty players squared off for the coveted title of euchre champion. By the time the last hand had been played, Todd Leslie was declared the overall win-

ner.

A total of \$400 was raised at the euchre event. The golfing event earned \$480. Another \$80 was garnered, from a 50/50 raffle, for a total of nearly \$960. All of the money

will be used to support youth programs in the community.

"I think every penny counts ... so that was good. Plus, it was fun," Booster Club Secretary Cheryl Melroy said.



This year's Blizzardfest golf participants posed for a group shot before hitting the fairway. "We have great weather ... we could have had it last Saturday and nobody would have showed up," Booster Club President Rob Aubry said.

Recycling program survives budget ax

Continued from 1A

Grayling's business district. A trailer is kept at the Waste Management landfill for Maple Forest Township residents in the summer.

Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said they are pleased to get the extra help at the recycling center. The job will be offered to people who have worked at the center on an on-call basis.

"We'll offer it to those folks first since they've been with us and if they don't want the position, we'll advertise," Wright said.

Wright said a Crawford County Jail inmate and community volunteers provided manpower at the center this winter until the funds were in place.

"That's helped an awful lot I think and we are operating and working very well," Wright said. "Prices are down for the recycled items but that is a fluctuating market."

Beaver Creek Township Supervisor Brian Ashton said a tour of the recycling center complex and finding out more information about operations convinced the board to budget the recycling funds.

"I think they've got a great facility and I'd hate to see it go away," Ashton said.

Tom Kozlowski, the South Branch Township supervisor, said the board agreed to support the recycling center and will evaluate how things develop this

year.

Crawford County Commissioner Scott Hanson said townships can either support the recycling center or pay higher trash compactor fees.

"It's either pay now or pay later," Hanson said.

Although Grayling Charter Township administers the recycling center, the brunt of funds for county-wide recycling comes from Crawford County.

Crawford and Otsego Counties owned the Waters landfill until 1991, when they sold it to Detroit-based City Environmental Services (CES).

CES sued the two counties for breach of contract when officials refused to make it legal for the landfill to expand its customer base to 13 additional counties.

Crawford County countersued and criminal charges were filed against the company when it accepted waste from Chippewa County, one of the 13 counties in question.

Both sides dropped their lawsuit and the criminal charge was also dismissed in the 1996 settlement.

Under the pact, Crawford County allowed City Environmental Services to add the 13 counties through the county's solid waste management plan.

The landfill also agreed to pay Crawford County \$75,000 to \$150,000 a year to hire an environmental monitor and pay for recycling. The landfill has changed hands a couple of

times since the legal action and is now owned by Waste Management.

The amount the county receives depends on the amount of waste the landfill receives.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said the county is projecting to receive \$120,000 to \$130,000 from the landfill this year.

The funds are used to pay Bruce Patrick, the county's environmental monitor, plus half the salary for Butch McLeod, the maintenance man for Crawford County. McLeod and Patrick transport the recycling trailers from the city and the townships to the recycling center to be unloaded and sorted.

The funds also pay for the county's annual household hazardous waste collection day and scrap tire clean-up. The funds pay to purchase and maintain the recycling trailers and for the truck used to haul the trailers. The county pays its dues to the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, an agency that provides planning and grant writing services. The county pays \$8,000 a year for an existing part-time employee at the recycling center.

Funds were used to demolish the old ambulance barns the county owned on Mercy Hospital Grayling property. Finally, the county paid \$5,000 toward a storage facility at the recycling center and has funded an environmental grant program. The grants have been

used to treat milfoil in Lake Margrethe, start a recycling program at the Grayling High School and to support the scrap tire collection day.

"Every year is different," Compo said. "If we have the money, we try to help with whatever projects that are out there."

Compo noted that the county does keep a \$100,000 balance in its recycling fund for years when the landfill collects less in tipping fees.

"We try to keep that fund balance for when the landfill does not have a good year," Compo said. "If we have more money, we try to do more things."

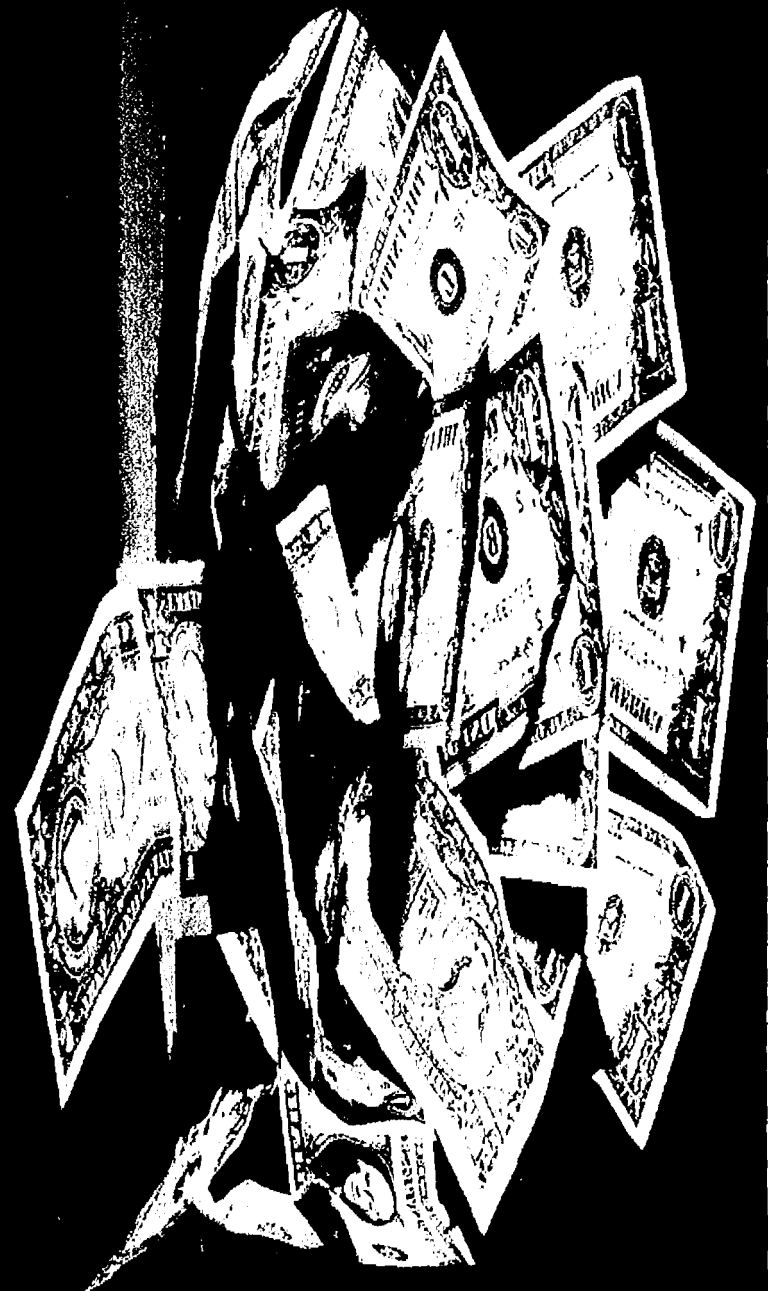
The county will receive funds from the landfill as long as it is in operation, which is another argument used to have local officials get behind recycling and to be more environmentally friendly.

"Everything comes to an end at sometime and they will find the bottom someday," Compo said. "That's just another reason why we have to find alternative ways to take care of our trash."

Patrick said the recycling center is something county residents should take pride in.

"For a small county in northern Michigan, we have a very good recycling program and we're fortunate that we have the funds to do that," Patrick said. "It is a service offered to the county that a lot of people take part in."

SAVE OVER
NEWSSTAND
PRICE !!!



SUBSCRIBE Now!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Amount Paid _____

Permanent Local.....\$20

Crawford, Roscommon, Otsego,
Kalkaska & Oscoda Counties

Seasonal Address Changes Add \$4

Non-Local\$30

Outside Local Counties

Foreign.....\$60

\$2 Senior Citizen discount on all rates.

Age 60 and older.

Crawford
County **Avalanche**

Grayling's Weekly Newspaper Since 1879

Cost-Effective Statewide Coverage



Michigan Press
827 N. Washington
Lansing, MI 48206
Phone: 517.372.2222
Fax: 517.372.2429
MichiganPress.org
Mike.Dan@MichiganPress.org

Place your 2x2 display ad and reach over 3.5 million readers for just \$999! Place a 25-word classified ad and reach over 4 million readers for just \$299! Contact this newspaper or Michigan Press Association.

STOP LEG CRAMPS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU.

Calcet's triple calcium formula is designed to help stop low calcium leg cramps. Just ask your pharmacist.



Mission

EAT FREE FOR A WEEK!

Lose Weight while enjoying delicious, freshly prepared meals delivered to your home anywhere in Michigan.

No Shopping · No Cooking · No Problem!
We do all the work. All you do is eat.

3 meals a day, 7 days a week.
Low calorie · Low fat · Great taste!
Healthy, Fresh and Delicious.



Call Now!

1-888-MEALS-21
www.seattlesutton.com

* Order 4 weeks and get a 5th week FREE!
Limited time offer. Call for details.

Buried in Credit Card Debt?


Over \$10,000 in credit card bills?
Only making the minimum payments?

- We can get you out of debt in months instead of years
- We can save you thousands of dollars
- We can help you avoid bankruptcy

Not a high-priced consolidation loan or one of those consumer credit counseling programs

CALL CREDIT CARD RELIEF
for your FREE consultation 866-479-5353

KCPA Presents
THE LOWE FAMILY
 offers an amazing blend of show
 stopping Classical, Broadway,
 Irish, Jazz, Bluegrass, spectacular
 dance and more.



March 14, 2009 - 7 p.m.
 on the campus of Kirtland Community College
Tickets - \$24.00 & \$22.00 - Call 989-275-8777
 Online: www.kirtland.edu/kcpa
 Sponsored by:
Carroll Broadcasting Inc.

Marathon Pageant sign-up set for next week

by Matt Seager
 Staff Writer

Grayling High School (GHS) students will be adding an extra dose of style to the AuSable River Festival this summer, thanks to a brand new pageant designed to offer teenage girls a fun way to enhance important skills.

The brand new "Marathon Pageant" is directed by Grayling resident Crystal Filley. Filley began developing the event after the Festival Parade Committee suggested that this year's festival could use a pageant.

"There's just a strong interest now because it's been missing," she said.

There has not been a formal pageant in Grayling for several years. Filley's daughter, Fawn, who holds the Miss Teen Galaxy Pageant title, is co-directing the event. Fawn is currently a student at Saginaw Valley State University.

The event directors intend to make this a low pressure event. The Marathon Pageant will not be linked to the statewide pageant circuit.

"This is just for fun, not for major competition," Filley said.

Sometime during the next two months while the girls are training, there will be a break from the work with a pizza party and a swimming party that will be open to all participants. Filley emphasized that she doesn't want girls to feel like they're meant to be facing off against each other.

In the spirit of inclusiveness, Filley is attempting to make pageant participation possible on virtually any budget.

"That's my goal, to keep it as low cost as possible for these girls," she said.

This means that there will be no entry fee and all pageant activities will be free. It is hoped that pageant ticket sales will cover costs.

"We're trying to break even," Filley said.

The event is also designed to help develop skills that will be useful throughout life, particularly in professional settings.

"This isn't a beauty pageant. It's just a pageant," Filley said.

Fawn will be working with the girls in key areas such as confidence in public speaking, successful interviewing, professional outward presentation and interpersonal skills. Practices will take place at Hanson Hills.

"She's going to be able to do a lot with these girls," Filley said.

There will be five official pageant judging categories. The first is "introduction," where participants must effectively introduce themselves to judges. Next is "interviews," where participants respond to a series of questions. In the third official category, participants must exhibit a talent.

The final judged category will be an evening gown competition. Although this may sound like beauty pageant territory, Filley insists that it is not.

"It's a confidence builder," Filley said.

She explained that the idea of this segment is for girls to exhibit comfort with who they are regardless of their body type.

In keeping with the low cost nature of the event,

Filley hopes that some girls will take advantage of the school's prom dress swap for this event.

This project has already been in development for three months. So far, 46 girls have already showed a preliminary interest in participating. Final registration will take place at GHS on Mar. 13.

For judging purposes, it will be divided into two categories. The Jr. Miss Marathon Pageant will be open to freshmen and sophomores. The title of Miss Marathon will be open to juniors and seniors.

The actual pageant event will take place on May 9. It will be judged by experienced pageant officials from out of town. Filley also has plans to secure local entertainment for the event.

The winners will play a role in AuSable River Festival activities, most notably the parade. There may also be scholarship possibilities.

"We are very excited about making this pageant fun, entertaining and one that they will never forget," Filley said.

Mio Ranger District offers seasonal jobs

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

The Mio Ranger District of Huron-Manistee National Forests is currently recruiting applicants for seasonal positions.

Due to anticipated federal stimulus funds, the district may hire over and above its original staff projections.

People hired for the positions will generally work 40 hours per week up to six

months.

All federal openings are listed by the Office of Personnel Management on the USAJOBS web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

To find the available positions, applicants must look under the agency search portion of the web site for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and scroll down to Forest Service.

Applicants are also reminded that the USDA Forest Service uses AVUE Digital Services as an online applicant assessment system. Applicants can link to AVUE from the USAJOBS position listings or can directly access AVUE at: www.avuedigitalservices.com/usfs/applicant.html.

To be considered for positions at the Mio Ranger District, applicants must select Mio, Mich., as a duty station. Applicants need to have their information listed

in the AVUE system no later than Friday, March 13. Temporary positions do not guarantee permanent employment with the U.S. Forest Service.


The Mio Ranger District is recruiting applicants in the areas of firefighting, recreation, timber, botany and wildlife.

For more information about the positions, contact the Mio Ranger District at (989) 826-3252 to speak with the officer or specialist in the field you are interested in working in.

INSURANCE IS A CONSTANTLY CHANGING INDUSTRY.
 You often have questions that
 need to be answered.
**We will expertly guide you through
 the confusion of coverage and
 cost.**

FOR
 • Home • Life • Auto
 • Health, and
 • Business Insurance

**Call on the
 Grayling
 Insurance
 Agency Team**



Jeanne Bulmer, Brian McGuinness,
 Andrea Lesh

GRAYLING INSURANCE AGENCY
"WE MAKE IT HAPPEN"

2375 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling (989) 348-2851
 Located next to Century 21 • Across from the Grayling Mini Mall

Grayling Police Report

The Grayling City Police Chief reports the department handled the following complaints during the period of Feb. 22 - Feb. 28:

Two assistant other departments, one check law violation, one city ordinance violation, two civil complaints, one juvenile

complaint, two larceny complaints, one misdemeanor arrest, one motorist assist, two private property accidents, three purchase permits, four suspicious situations, two traffic accidents, nine traffic warnings and 18 unclassified complaints.

Little Caesars
CUSTOMER STIMULUS SALE



4 DAYS ONLY!
 Thurs.-Sun.
 March 5th-8th

\$4.44
 Original Round
 Carry Out, Plus Tax

1 Pizza
 Large with Cheese & Pepperoni

**Crazy Bread®
 Crazy Sauce \$2.69**

JUST STOP IN! LIMIT 10 PLEASE.

RECYCLING SUGGESTIONS

Got bad bananas? Don't throw away this popular food item when it starts to turn brown. Even the peels have their uses. You can still get plenty of mileage out of old fruit.

A lot of Grayling gardeners are likely to put their compost piles on hold during the winter months. With a little bit of foresight, you might already have the means to enhance your spring or summer garden. The high potassium content in bananas is good for plants, too.

Just freeze your banana peels instead of throwing them away. By the time summer comes around, thaw them to create the perfect potassium-rich compost. Some gardeners believe that banana peels can be used as a natural pest repellent for garden plants.

You can also dry out banana peels and grind them up to use as an all-purpose fertilizer.

Lastly, old bananas are often great for baking. Freeze your overripe bananas until you get the urge to bake some fresh banana bread. Bake these bananas into the bread. Many banana bread fans swear that overripe bananas produce the best flavor.

Although bananas don't threaten the environment when they end up as landfill, these tips can help you save money on compost and add some flavor to your food.

Have your own recycling suggestion? Share it with the community! Send an e-mail to comments@crewfordcountyavalanche.com or write to "Crawford County Avalanche," P.O. Box 458, Grayling, MI 49735. Look for a new recycling tip in next week's edition.

► Grayling High School player profiles for
March Madness 2009: Pages 2-3B► Vikings renew rivalry with narrow victories
vs. Bobcats: Page 10B

March Madness 2009

Boys basketball team to play Chiefs in district semifinals

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Screaming fans. Buzzer beaters. Pressure-packed free throws. "March Madness" – basketball playoff action and everything that accompanies it – is here.

For Michigan high school boys basketball teams, "March Madness" begins with district tournaments – the first round of the playoffs – on Monday, March

9.

("March Madness" refers to the furor surrounding high school and college basketball playoffs throughout the nation. Playoff tournaments – including the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 64-team division one tournaments that determine national champions in men's and women's college basketball – begin in March.)

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball squad will start its playoff run with a District 63-B semifinal game vs. the Cheboygan Chiefs at Cheboygan on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

District 63-B also includes Roscommon, Elk Rapids, and Petoskey.

In the only round one game of the tournament, Petoskey (12-6 overall, 6-4 league) will play at

Elk Rapids (1-17 overall, 0-13 league) on Monday, March 9. The winner will host Roscommon (15-3 overall, 10-3 league) on Wednesday, March 11, in the district's other semifinal contest.
















The District 63-B championship game is slated for Friday, March 13, at 7 p.m. The winner of the Grayling (8-11 overall, 5-8 league) vs. Cheboygan (11-7 overall, 9-1 league) game will host the contest.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association changed the format of district tournaments this year. Instead of having one school host all of the games for one tournament, districts now have the option of allowing the top school listed in the bracket to host each individual game.

"The (MHSAA) is doing that to help cut down on travel and

See **BOYS** | 3B

GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

 Trent LARM Senior • Forward	 Colin HAMLIN Junior • Guard	 TYLER STEFFEY Senior • Center	 ERIC FERRIGAN Senior • Guard	 Alex GABRIEL Senior • Forward
 Steven ENOS Fresh • Guard	 Spencer DEAN Senior • Forward	 Doug GOTHRO Senior • Center	 Jacob AUBRY Senior • Guard	 Ryan FOGUTH Senior • Guard
 Ross TEEPLE Senior • Forward	 James SCHWEIZER Junior • Guard	 Robbie WILSON Junior • Guard	 Zane TOBIN Fresh • Guard	 Jensen AUBRY Soph • Forward

MARCH MADNESS

The following area businesses join the Crawford County Avalanche in supporting this year's GHS varsity boys basketball team. Go Vikings!

McLean's Ace Hardware	Wendy's	Moore's Automotive	Scheer Motors
Ole Dam Rd. Party Store	The Medicine Shope	Heads Up North	Riverland
Grayling Restaurant	Pro Build of Grayling	A Cut Above	Jack Millikin Excavating



Trent LARM


Senior • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	212	61	23
Rebounds	45		4





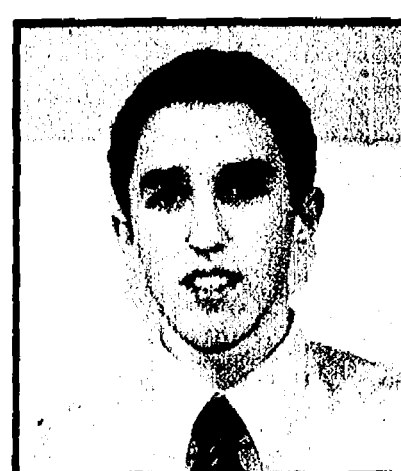
Colin HAMLIN


Junior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	167	49	76
Rebounds	40		1





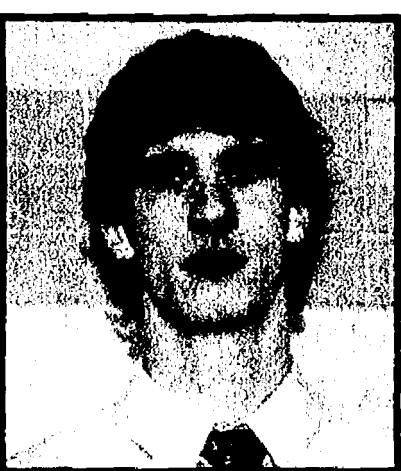
Tyler STEFFEY


Senior • Center

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	145	100	5
Rebounds	29		29






Eric FERRIGAN


Senior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	114	26	36
Rebounds	56		1






Steven ENOS


Freshman • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	106	47	28
Rebounds	17		1






Alex GABRIEL


Senior • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	100	94	26
Rebounds	30		2






Spencer DEAN


Senior • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	81	91	19
Rebounds	25		9






Doug GOTHRO

Senior • Center

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	29	37	7
Rebounds	8		15



SHOWTYME Collision

(989) 348-8090

Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30pm

1/2 mile west of the Manistee River on M-72

LET US EARN YOUR BUSINESS

GOOD LUCK VIKINGS!

Crawford County **Avalanche**

Grayling's Hometown Newspaper Since 1879

102 Michigan Ave. • Grayling • (989)348-6811

avalanche@i2k.net


J.J's Motor Mall

Your Hometown Connection For Fair Prices

Race to a Victory Go Vikings!

M-72 West • Grayling • 348-7710

www.GetAuto.Com/USMotorMall




Jacob **AUBRY**


Senior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
6	15	8
Steals	Blocks	
10	0	






Ryan **FOGUTH**

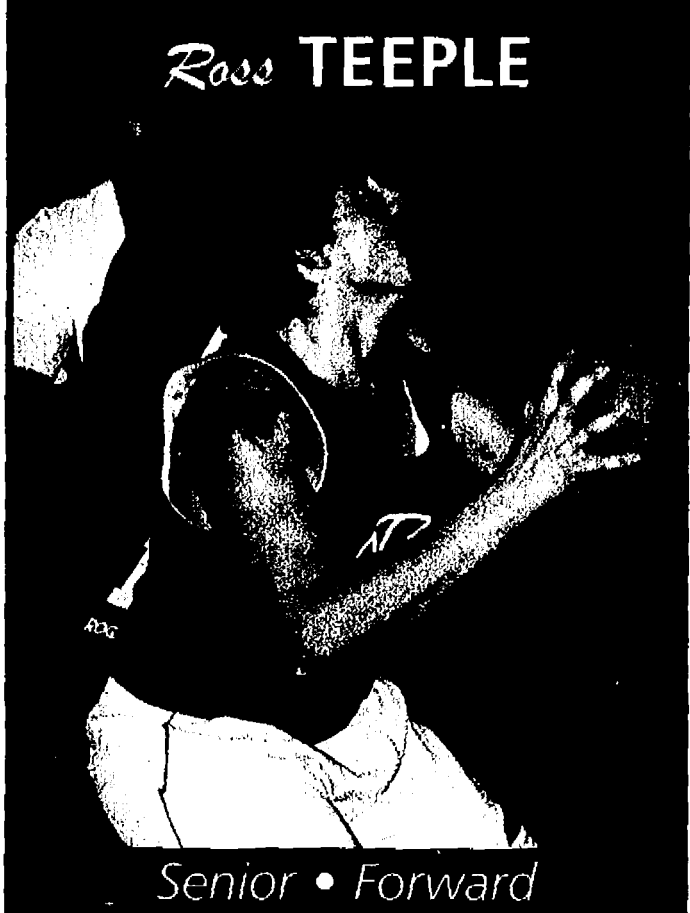
Senior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
12	11	16
Steals	Blocks	
10	0	






Ross **TEEPL**


Senior • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
5	4	0
Steals	Blocks	
0	1	






James **SCHWEIZER**


Junior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
8	4	0
Steals	Blocks	
1	0	






Robbie **WILSON**


Junior • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
2	1	0
Steals	Blocks	
2	0	






Zane **TOBIN**


Freshman • Guard

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
N/A	N/A	N/A
Steals	Blocks	
N/A	N/A	





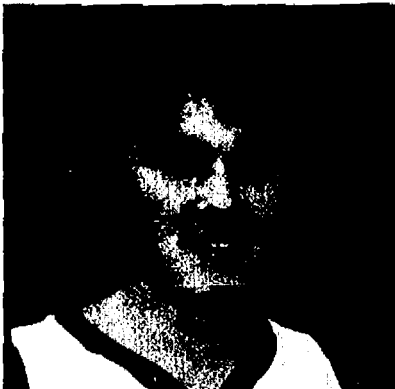
Jensen **AUBRY**

Sophomore • Forward

GRAYLING VIKINGS

2008-2009 Season Statistics

Points	Rebounds	Assists
N/A	N/A	N/A
Steals	Blocks	
N/A	N/A	



Boys basketball team to play Chiefs in district semifinals

Continued from 1B
increase (gate) revenue," said Tim Sanchez, GHS Athletic Director.

Grayling's tournament team will include two freshmen, one sophomore, three juniors, and nine seniors. The squad consists of James Schweizer (junior guard), Alex Gabriel (senior forward), Eric Ferrigan (senior guard), Jacob Aubry (senior guard), Doug Gothro (senior center), Spencer Dean (senior forward), Ryan Foguth (senior guard), Trent Larm (senior forward), Steven Enos (freshman guard), Colin Hamlin (junior guard), Ross Teeple

(senior forward), Tyler Steffey (senior center), Robbie Wilson (junior guard), Zane Tobin (freshman guard), and Jensen Aubry (sophomore forward).

Larm is the team's leading scorer with 212 points (11.8 per game). Hamlin — the team's second leading scorer with 167 points (9.3 per game) — has a team-high 76 assists (4.2 per game). The squad's leading rebounders are Steffey (100), Gabriel (94), and Dean (91). Ferrigan (56), Larm (45), and Hamlin lead the team in steals. Enos is the team's best free throw

shooter by percentage at 72 (21 for 29).

(The preceding statistics, as well as those found in the "March Madness" player profiles on pages 2-3B, are from the team's first 18 games.)

To check out more photos from this year's GHS boys basketball season, please visit the Crawford County Avalanche's Web site at www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com. Our Photo Archive contains color photographs, both published and unpublished, from more than 20 2008-2009 freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boys basketball games.

GO VIKINGS!

"The *REST* Is Up To You"

COMFORT CENTER

909-348-2961
1-800-968-8765
West M-72 • Grayling
SINCE 1974
Tempurpedic
Mattresses In-Stock

GOOD LUCK VIKINGS!

American Legion Lounge & Lanes
106 S. James • Grayling

Open Bowling • Sat Noon - 11pm • Sun 12pm - 4pm

BUILDING A VICTORY!
Good Luck in the Tournament Vikings!

DuBois Lumber

"The Name You Can Build On"
LUMBER & BUILDING MATERIALS
6593 W. M-72 • 989-348-4831 • Grayling, MI 49738

Two wrestlers qualify for state finals

Grayling falls to Roscommon in regional finals

Two Grayling High School wrestlers finished high enough at individual regionals on Saturday to qualify for the state finals. At team regionals on Wednesday, Grayling's play-off run ended with a loss to Roscommon in the championship round.

On Wednesday night, Grayling was one of four teams competing for one state finals berth during the Region 117-3 tournament at Gladstone.

In the semifinals, the Vikings defeated Kingsford 39-28. Roscommon outscored Menominee 49-27 in the other semifinal match.

In the finals, Roscommon won 57-24 vs. Grayling.

"We got the (weight class) draw we needed and beat Kingsford," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "The kids

wrestled strong. They wanted to make it to Roscommon."

Coach Ferrigan said that Grayling drew a favorable beginning weight class for the semifinal match, which helped the team build a lead vs. Kingsford; however, an unfavorable weight class draw vs. Roscommon worked against the Vikings in the finals.

"For Roscommon, we needed to start around 145, 152. The same thing happened to us. By the time we got to our best wrestlers, they were already too far ahead of us," Coach Ferrigan said.

On Saturday, five Vikings competed in the individual regional event held at Houghton Lake High School. Two Vikings - Cody Collen (145) and Shane

Grove (171) - finished high enough (top four) to qualify for the state finals.

Collen finished third. He won his first match (vs. Pinconning) with a pin. He lost a 15-4 decision to a different Pinconning wrestler in his next match. In his third bout, Collen won 6-4 vs. a Kingsley opponent. He clinched third place with a win by pin vs. a Shepherd wrestler in his last match of the day.

Grove, who placed fourth, won his first match (vs. Saginaw Swan Valley) with a pin. He then lost a 7-0 decision vs. Kingsford. Grove won an 8-1 decision in his third match. In his final match, he lost by pin.

The individual state finals will be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 12-14.



State qualifiers Cody Collen, left, and Shane Grove, right, wrestle at individual regionals on Saturday at Houghton Lake High School.

Legal Action

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wirtjes and Catherine Wirtjes, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 3, 2006, and recorded on November 29, 2006, in Liber 684, on page 348, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-seven thousand eight hundred sixteen and 97/100 dollars (\$87,816.97) including interest at 8.620% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in the

Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 17, Fawn Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 43, Crawford County Records, and all improvements thereon, including a 1987 Sterling manufactured home bearing serial number S5507.

Parcel No: 032-400-000-017-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: February 18, 2009

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee
Richard A. Green, Attorneys,
30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 540-7665

-26-5-12-19-26

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Edwin O. Koch and Nadine D. Reynolds as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, mortgagors, to First National Bank of Gaylord, n/k/a Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated February 12, 2003, and was recorded on February 21, 2003, in Liber 620 on pages 620 through 630 of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$48,005.80, including interest at 5.875% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Grayling,

County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Lot 27, Grayling Mobile Estates according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records.

including all improvements, now or hereafter erected on the property, including a 1994 Radco model BU200A manufactured home, serial no. GS-04107AB, assigned no. HUD RAD746414/RAD746415.

Commonly known as 4343 Pinecrest, Grayling, MI.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: February 24, 2009

By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Bank,

f/k/a
First National Bank of Gaylord,
Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.,
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574

-5-12-19-26

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD VACANCY

The Board of Trustees of Kirtland Community College seeks applications for the position of Trustee in order to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. Applicants for this board vacancy must be qualified electors resident within the Kirtland Community College District. Interested parties are encouraged to submit an application letter with a summary statement describing the applicant's experience, education, community service record and any public or private board experience by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2009, to:

Board Chair Roy Spangler
c/o Office of the President
Kirtland Community College
10775 N. St. Helen Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653

Selection for this trusteeship requires a majority vote of the current trustees of the college. The term of this appointment will be from election by the trustees through June 30, 2009. Applicants may be requested to appear for an interview at a date and time to be selected by the trustees.



Teresa Schreiber, left, handles the ball for the varsity team on Tuesday. Kristen Todoroff, right, shoots for the JV Vikings vs. TCSE.

Vikings end regular season with losses to Gladiators

The Grayling Vikings ended their 2008-2009 regular season with a 46-27 conference loss to the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators in a varsity girls basketball contest held at GHS last Tuesday.

Grayling trailed by 10, 18-8, at halftime. The Gladiators outscored Grayling 28-19 in the second half.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Laura Boylan, 12 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocks; Ashley Feldhauser, 6 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists; Sam Schreiber, 4 points, 5 rebounds, 4 steals.

"Tonight was parents' night. It is always nice to show our appreciation to the parents who daily support our basketball team," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

The Vikings finished their regular season with a 4-16 overall record (3-11 league). Grayling will compete in the District 63-B tournament this

week.

Grayling High School's junior varsity girls basketball team ended its 2008-2009 season with a 62-25 loss vs. the visiting Gladiators of Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday night.

"Not the way you want to end a season, but we did have a strong game at times and were able to break the Traverse City press pretty consistently," Coach Craig Hofman said. "We struggled defensively in the second half with our man-to-man defense and allowed (Traverse City) some easy baskets."

Grayling's leading scorers were: Shalee Miller, 15 points, 2 steals, 2 rebounds; Samantha Hansen, 2 points; Chloe Harwood, 2 points; Carlie Money, 1 point; Ann Hamlin, 2 points, 6 rebounds; Haley Wiseman, 1 point, 3 rebounds; Hali

Miller, 2 points, 3 rebounds.

"I am proud of the effort that the girls have given all year long and have seen great improvement over the course of the year in all aspects of the game," Coach Hofman said. "The girls need to make a commitment to working on basketball during the off-season so that we can get a strong start next year and not have to catch up in the beginning of the season. We have a lot of talent and athleticism, but we need them to go from being athletes to basketball players."

The Vikings finished the season with a 4-16 record.

"We lost eight games by less than 10 points. If we can increase our shooting percentage from the field and free-throw line by five to 10 percent, we could have easily been a .500 team this year. I am excited about the future of Grayling girls basketball," Coach Hofman said.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing for the proposed final budget of the General, Landfill and Liquor Funds for fiscal year 2009-2010 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Township Hall.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Cynthia Infante
Lovells Township Clerk
(989) 348-9215

WEIGHT RESTRICTION PUBLIC NOTICE

As of March 6, 2009 at 7:00 a.m., the Crawford County Road Commission has established seasonal weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standards, which includes load restrictions of 35 % and reduced speeds.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application, enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be traveled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old 27: County line to County line
County Road 612: Old 27 (Frederic) East to I-75
Sherman Road: North County Line to Landfill
North Down RR: Business Loop East to I-75 Ramps
Higgins Lake Dr: I-75 to 127

FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent at (989) 348-2281, extension 25 with any questions regarding restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions. For more information see our Web site at www.crawford-crc.com.

By: Donald Babcock, Managing Director
For: Kenneth Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
James Burch, Commissioner

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 4:30 PM at the Township Hall.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 9, 2009 from 9:00 AM until noon and 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Township Hall. Also on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Township Hall. Any correspondence may be sent to 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738 or call (989) 348-9215.

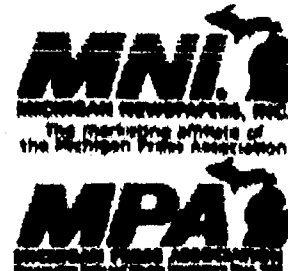
The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Fred Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notices in Newspapers.
Your Right to Know, Delivered Right to Your Door.



Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara R. Backer, an Unmarried Woman, By Brenda L. Mackinnon, Attorney In Fact, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 1, 2007, and recorded on March 7, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 595, and modified by Affidavit or Order received by and recorded, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One And 22/100 Dollars (\$63,121.22), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2, South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 26, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #246544F01 -26-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph Benedetti AKA Joseph W. Benedetti and Eva B. Benedetti, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 2, 2002, and recorded on November 13, 2002 in

Liber 607 on Page 186, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Two And 42/100 Dollars (\$82,442.42), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying West of the old Deward Railroad Right-of-way line, except the South 400 feet and except the North 520 feet thereof. Also: Beginning at a point 200 feet North of the Southwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 26, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, for a point of beginning; thence East 300 feet to the New York Central Railroad right-of-way; thence North 200 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence South 200 feet to the point of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 5, 2009 For more information, please call: FC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #249668F01 -5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Bresette, And Theresa Bresette, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 17, 2004, and recorded on May 25, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 487, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen And 78/100 Dollars (\$51,616.78), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and

are described as: A part of the South 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, commencing at the Northeast corner thereof and running thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West on the North line thereof 743.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 160 feet; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes East, 660.7 feet; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes East, 160 feet; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes West 660.7 feet to the place of beginning. South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #205430F02 -12-19-26-5

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L. Carmean and Donna A. Carmean husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 26, 2006, and recorded on May 4, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 339, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Six And 71/100 Dollars (\$58,646.71), including interest at 6.57% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 2, Hadleys Third Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 13, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 5, 2009 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-

2525 File #248888F01

-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lynn Ellen Cash aka Lynn E. Cash, trustee of the Lynn Ellen Cash Revocable Living Trust, dated February 8th 2000, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated March 30, 2007, and recorded on April 27, 2007 in Liber 686 on Page 686, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four And 69/100 Dollars (\$125,644.69), including interest at 7.32% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 8, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 21, Block 1, Oak Hill Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 27 Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 5, 2009 For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #236734F02 -12-19-26-5

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd A. Gabriel and Kary J. Gabriel, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated January 28, 2006, and recorded on February 13, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 825, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of GSAMP Trust 2006-SD3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-SD3 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$333,364.88), including interest at 6% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 28 North, Range 4 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC J 248.593.1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #236734F02 -12-19-26-5

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Autumn L. Holmes, a married woman and Kenneth D. Vanevery, her husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 26, 2004, and recorded on July 27, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 593, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Two And 95/100 Dollars (\$102,422.95), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 1, Manistee Heights, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, page 20, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2009 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12 Mortgage/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075 -19-26-5-12

from the date of such sale. Dated: February 12, 2009 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #244579F01 -12-19-26-5

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by BARBARA A. SELESKY and MARJORIE P. WALL, AS JOINT TENANTS AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004, and recorded on August 23, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 124, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Thirty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$176,033.36), including interest at 10.400% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PART OF THE WEST 1 / 2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1 / 4 OF SECTION 2, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1 / 4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1 / 4 LINE) 563.2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 9 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 1323.7 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 40 MINUTES EAST, 171.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST, 135 FEET TO THE EASTERLY BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 200.4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST, 225.2 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF CHICKSAW TRAIL; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST (ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY), 202.8 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST, 135.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCEL EXTENDS TO THE WATERS EDGE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 13, 2009 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2004KS12 Mortgage/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075 -19-26-5-12

NOTICE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet for its Organizational Meeting at the Frederic Township Hall at 7564 County Rd. 612 Frederic, MI on Tuesday March 3rd 1:00 PM.

The board of review will meet with the public on:

Monday March 9th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday March 14th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Frederic Township:

TENTATIVE		
CLASSIFICATION	RATIO	FACTORS
Commercial	55.61	0.8991
Industrial	50.60	0.9881
Residential	51.30	0.9747
Timber Cut-Over	49.75	1.0050

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended. (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

William T. Johnson
Frederic Township Supervisor

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 3, 2009 at 9 am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;
Mon., March 9, 2009 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm

Thurs., March 12, 2009 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All meetings will be held at the township hall, located at 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

TENTATIVE		
CLASSIFICATION	FACTOR	RATIO
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at 10 am at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738, 989-348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with taxpayers starting at 9 am Monday, March 9th, 2009, until 12 noon and then 1 pm until 4 pm. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 12th from 6 pm-8 pm, and also Saturday, March 14th, from 9 am until 12 noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first come first served" basis. You can also protest by mail (via the P.O. Box above) or fax to 989-348-6713.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO
Agricultural	50.00
Commercial	50.00
Industrial	50.00
Residential	50.00

Terry R. Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk
MBOF/pak

Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jerry L. McQueen, single man and Marti E. Wesley, single woman, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 19, 2005, and recorded on September 16, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 488, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four And 29/100 Dollars (\$178,994.29), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 1, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 14: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35 and part of the West 1/2 of Section 36, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, and beginning at a point on the West right-of-way line of New York Central Railroad distance South 88 degrees 24 minutes East along the South line of said Section 36, a distance of 1561.80 feet and North 6 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds West 3100.16 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence South 55 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds West, 2130.04 feet; thence South 57 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds West, 442.92 feet to point of traverse along the Easterly shore of the AuSable River, said point later referred to as first mentioned point in said traverse, thence continuing South 57 degrees 08 minutes 24 seconds West, 38 feet to said Easterly shore; thence Northwesterly along said shore line 210 feet, more or less, to a point; thence North 59 degrees 10 minutes East, 54 feet to a point of traverse, said point located North 8 degrees 05 minutes West 135.55 feet and North 50 degrees 20 minutes West, 89.03 feet from first mentioned point in said traverse; thence continuing North 59 degrees 10 minutes East, 439.17 feet; thence North 57 degrees 16 minutes 59 seconds East, 2166.15 feet; thence South 6 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds East, 144.22 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with and subject to a 66 foot wide easement for ingress and egress to be used in common with others, Westerly line of said easement described as: Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 36 distant South 88 degrees 24 minutes East, 718.04 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 36; thence North 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, 132.91 feet; thence North 18 degrees 30 minutes West, 237.72 feet; thence North 32 degrees 47 minutes 30 seconds West, 122.50 feet; thence North 61 degrees 33 minutes West, 487.93 feet; thence North 30 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West, 164.01 feet; thence North 11 degrees 25 minutes 20 seconds East, 277.29 feet; thence North 23 degrees 18 minutes West, 89.81 feet; thence North 59 degrees 11 minutes West, 203.44 feet; thence North 52 degrees 59 minutes 10 seconds West, 439.78 feet; thence North 24 degrees 33 minutes West, 484.28 feet; thence North 28 degrees 26 minutes 50 seconds West, 297.00 feet; thence North 5 degrees 43 minutes 20 seconds West, 400.89 feet; thence North 18 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds West, 204.68 feet; thence North 34 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, 354.66 feet; thence North 55 degrees 00 minutes West, 281.50 feet; thence North 55 degrees 48 minutes West, 252.73 feet; thence North 74 degrees 34 minutes 10 seconds West, 670.05 feet; thence North 49 degrees 53 minutes West, 173.16 feet; thence North 12 degrees 34 minutes West, 448.03 feet; thence North 29 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds West, 424.03 feet; thence North 29 degrees 50 minutes 43 seconds West, 201.69 feet; thence North 24 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East, 302.86 feet; thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes 47 seconds West, 133.67 feet to the Point of Ending.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2009
For more information, please call: FCS 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #2475481F01

-26-5-12-19

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE

MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marcus D. Weaver, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2008, and recorded on February 15, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 292, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four And 70/100 Dollars (\$63,834.70), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 72.5 feet of Lot 18 and the West 20 feet of Lot 19, Block 5, Karen Woods Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
For more information, please call: FCS 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #245835F01

-12-19-26-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott J. LaFond, Jennifer Everland, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated July 8, 2005 and recorded July 14, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 263, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Fifty-Six and 26/100 Dollars (\$142,056.26) including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MARCH 25, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL 14: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section and the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along said Section line, 305.05 feet; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 38 seconds East, 365.10 feet; thence North 67 degrees 17 minutes 43 seconds West, 328.56 feet to a point on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds West along said West 1/8 line, 492.79 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to and together with the herein after described ingress and egress easement. Also, together with a 1/12th interest in that part described as Parcel B. Also subject to right-of-way for Shaw Park Road. INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, lying East of and adjacent to the following described line: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 line of said Section 3 and the Point of Beginning; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East along said West 1/8 line, 317.23 feet; thence returning to said Intersection Point "A", being 33 feet in width, lying 16.50 feet on each side of and adjacent to a line described as: North 58 degrees 45 minutes 52 seconds West, 41.12 feet; thence North 81 degrees 16 minutes 05 seconds West, 115.88 feet; thence North 45 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West, 55.75 feet; thence North 30 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West, 94.88 feet; thence North 75 degrees 04 minutes 06 seconds West, 108.89 feet; thence North 71 degrees 43 minutes 45 seconds West, 167.64 feet; thence North 37 degrees 57 minutes 32 seconds West, 78.06 feet; thence North 83 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 183.68 feet; thence North 88 degrees 08 minutes 56 seconds West, 178.43 feet; thence returning to said intersection Point "B" being 33 feet in width, lying 10 feet Northerly and 23 feet Southerly of and adjacent to the following described line: North 01 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds East, 242.55 feet to the Point of Ending. Subject to the right-of-way of Shaw Park Road. Parcel B: (Recreational Easement) That part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, Town 26 North Range 2 West described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 3; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East along the South line of said Section, 1315.52 feet to the West 1/8 corner on the South line of said Section 3; thence North 00 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, 375.65 feet to a point on an intermediate traverse line, said point being 20 feet South of the Southerly bank of the AuSable River; thence running along said intermediate traverse line the following courses: South 81 degrees 41 minutes 05 seconds West, 157.79 feet to a point which is 22 feet South said Southerly bank; thence North 79 degrees 41 minutes 22 seconds West, 107.18 feet to a point which is 4 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence South 86 degrees 46 minutes 17 seconds West, 267.67 feet to a point which is 12 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence South 81 degrees 41 minutes 02 seconds West, 184.67 feet to a point which is 31 feet South of said Southerly bank; thence leaving said intermediate traverse line; thence South 01 degree 05 minutes 19 seconds West, 211.87 feet; thence South 76 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds East, 209.60 feet; thence North 86 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds East, 189.75 feet; thence South 57 degrees 39 minutes 32 seconds East, 144.93 feet; thence South 88 degrees 31 minutes 50 seconds East, 194.23 feet to the point beginning. The lines of the above described parcel extend to the Centerthread of AuSable River. Subject to and together with the herein described ingress and egress easement. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: February 19, 2009
Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.4074 ASAP# 2997622 02/19/2009, 02/26/2009, 03/05/2009, 03/12/2009

-19-26-5-12

FORECLOSURE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED OIL AND GAS MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION

Lands under consideration for oil and gas leasing include acreage in the following counties: ALCONA, ALLEGAN, ALPENA, ANTRIM, ARENAC, BAY, BENZIE, CHEBOYGAN, CLARE, CRAWFORD, GLADWIN, GRAND TRAVERSE, KALKASKA, LAKE, LEEANAU, LENAWEE, MANISTEE, MASON, MIDLAND, MISSAUKEE, MONTMORENCY, OCEANA, OSCODA, OTSEGO, AND PRESQUE ISLE.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will offer at an oral-bid public auction, oil and gas lease rights to approximately 98,000 acres of state-owned minerals in those Michigan counties indicated herein.

Registration of bidders will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Michigan Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of \$13.00 per acre (which includes a \$3.00 per acre audit fee), and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the auction's end and at the option of the DNR, parcels not bid in at \$13.00 per acre, may be re-offered at a minimum bid of \$5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of state-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with DNR-Forrest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM)-Mineral and Land Management Section (MLMS), three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a zero day site draft.

An auction catalog showing the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered and parcel classifications will be available after April 2, 2009, on the web at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>, or by contacting DNR-FMFM-MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48908-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description, must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NO LATER THAN March 30, 2009. Any request for change in classification will be considered by the DNR prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the DNR.

NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen Jean Thomas f/k/a Kathleen Jean Schopp, husband and wife to Standard Federal Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated June 4, 2005 and recorded June 24, 2005 in Liber 676 Page 42 Crawford County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$76,693.24) including interest 3.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 18, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 14 and 15, of Ausable Country Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended

Commonly known as 1515 Lumberjack Ct, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 30, 2009 Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank as successor to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. f/k/a Standard Federal Bank, N.A.

Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 09-04659
-12-19-26-5

MORTGAGE SALE

SCHNEIDERMAN & SHERMAN, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by RAY E. BOWERS, SINGLE and CAROLYN K. BOHN, AS JOINT TENANTS FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2003, and recorded on March 4, 2004, in Liber 666, on Page 671,

Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Thirty-Five Dollars and Five Cents (\$65,035.05), including interest at 5.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 25, 2009

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

PARCEL 9; COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST ALONG SECTION LINE 1323.3 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG 1 / 8 LINE 927.35 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 335.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST 1339.3 FEET THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 1429.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING BEING PART OF THE EAST 1 / 2 OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 66.0 FEET WIDE LYING 33.0 FEET EITHER SIDE, OF A CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALMOST SECTION LINE 1391.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES EAST ALONG 1 / 3 LINE 1920.2 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF M-72, THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 41 MINUTES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 82.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 195.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 04 MINUTES EAST 705.1 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREE 00 MINUTES EAST 360.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 280.6 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 33 MINUTES EAST 709.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 55 MINUTES EAST 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 90 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; 626.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 287.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST 505.3 FEET IN THE POINT OF ENDING SAID EASEMENTS TO BE USED IN COMMON BY THE PARTIES HERETO, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, AND THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 12, 2009
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns

Mortgage/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450 Southfield, MI 48075

-19-26-5-12

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bernice J Ritchings, a single woman and Ronald C Poston, a single man, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, Mortgagors, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of July, 2003 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 28th day of September, 2003 in Liber 654 of Crawford County Records, page 1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eight Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Nine and 81/100 (\$86,339.81), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, 2009 at 10:00 o'clock AM Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 5.875% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

The East 1 / 2 of the East 1 / 2 of the Southeast 1 / 4 of the Southwest 1 / 4 of Section 33, Town 25 North, Range 2 West.

Said property also includes a 1995 mobile home, Serial No. F5200440

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 2/26/2009
North Central Area Credit Union
Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for North Central Area Credit Union 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-2600

-26-5-12-19

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Lovells Township Board of the Township of Lovells will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0000132 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2009.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Lovells Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 1.6% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

This notice is published by:

Township of Lovells
8405 Twin Bridge Road
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-9215

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 6, 1986 - Winning the Grayling Basketball League for the third year in a row were (front row left to right) Fred Wolcott, Dan Ullery, Bill Bonkowski, Bill Klinger, Rich Alexander, Don Ferguson, Tom Mills, Clayton Horton, Mike Smith and Charles Mires.

23 Years Ago March 6, 1986

The Grayling City Police recovered nearly \$9,000 in stolen items and turned three youths over to juvenile authorities. Acting on a tip from Mr. Nye of the Skyline Ski Lodge, police recovered a stolen snowmobile, five rifles, ski equipment and other goods. The Grayling area youths were questioned with their parents present and police found out that the youths had been on a crime spree for the last two weeks in the Grayling and Houghton Lake area.

The Grayling Volleyball team lost in the opening round of district volleyball action, but still finished with

their most successful season ever. The Vikings ended with a 28-9 overall record and brought home four trophies from tournaments.

The Grayling Business and Professional Women's (BPW) organization is leading a community drive to build a new playground in the Grayling City Park. The new playground will be for younger children and will be built on the site currently occupied by the Crawford County Historical Museum. The museum is expected to be moved this spring or summer to land next to the railroad depot. The Grayling BPW has set a goal of \$12,000 to purchase new playground equipment for the city park. The equip-

ment that they will be buying includes a sand box with a roof, a carousel, swings, a swinging gate, a gym for younger children with infant swings, a low slide and climbing areas.

46 Years Ago March 7, 1963

The Grayling Viking basketball team cleared their first hurdle in district action with a cliffhanging 52-50 win over the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

The Bill Tufts have been watching deer cross the river in front of their Manistee River home. The river has been frozen solid for two weeks, making it easy for the deer to cross.

The City of Grayling requests that all users of city water leave a faucet in their home running slightly from now until warm weather.

The Grayling A&P has a two lb. package of bacon for 79¢, a two lb. box of Bisquick for 49¢, a 50 count package of Scotkins napkins for 27¢ and fresh cleaned smelt for 25¢ per pound.

69 Years Ago March 7, 1940

Willard Harwood has decided to discontinue his grocery business and will make his building into a beerless dine and dance restaurant. He plans to make a dance floor out of his sandwich shop. His home at the rear of the store will be remodeled into three private dining rooms.

A bullet hole through the front side glass window of the Johnson Furniture Company caused a lot of curiosity this morning, until Night Marshall Morgan Paige got downtown about noon. Morgan said he attempted to shoot a dog the evening before. The bullet glanced off the pavement and struck the window.

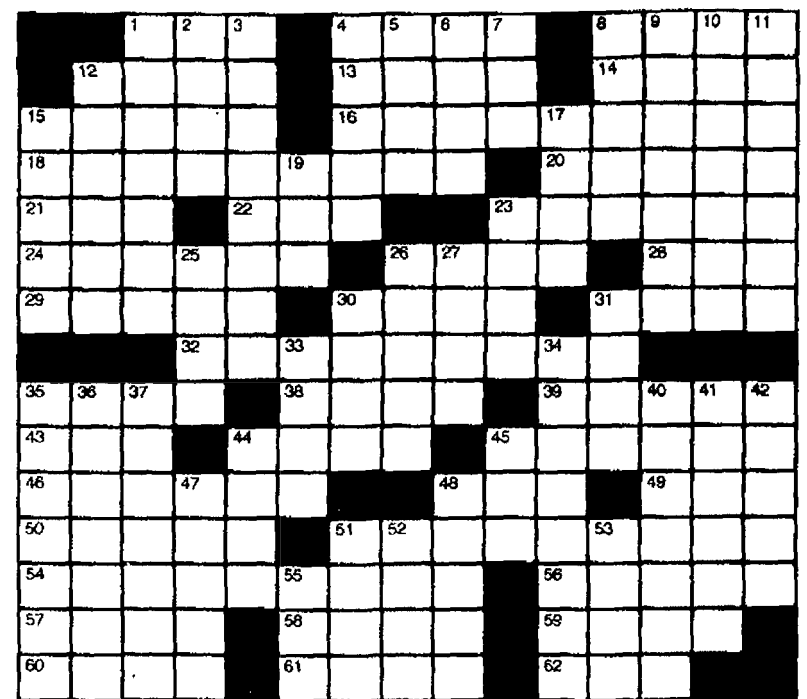
Ground has been broken and workmen are getting ready to lay the foundation for the new beer garden and dance hall for A.B. Zauel. The building is located in the fork of the roads where the highway to the winter sports park and M-76 branch off.

92 Years Ago March 8, 1917

A horse, driven by Charles Christenson of Beaver Creek, caused much excitement on the streets when it came tearing across the bridge near the big mill, and up Cedar Street, running into a telegraph pole near the Lewis Drug Store. The driver was thrown out. The horse never stopped until it struck the dray of H. Wheeler on Main Street.

Andrew Brown of Frederic, who is a millwright at the big mill, expects to move his family here from Frederic. They will occupy the Nick Schjotz house on McClellan Street.

CROSSWORD



Across

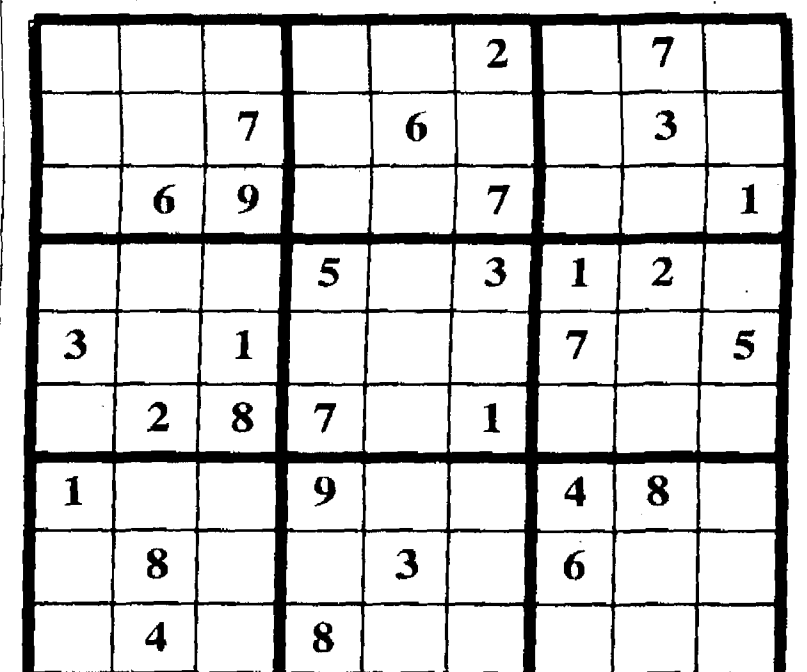
1. "Wheels"
4. Bee
8. Husk
12. "How ___!"
13. Small buffalo of the Celebes
14. Area
15. Kentucky college
16. Reference books published once every year
18. Moving backward and forward along a given course
20. Main branches arising from the trunk of a tree
21. Confederate soldier, for short
22. "___ rang?"
23. Gentle
24. Strauss opera
26. Gp. with Indonesia and Algeria as members
28. Long, long time
29. Fragrant resin
30. Face-to-face exam
31. Crumbs
32. Immunity from an obligation or duty
35. Capacity unit used for measuring fresh herring
38. Honoree's spot
39. Dutch pottery city
43. Cool, once
44. Certain Scandinavian
45. More flushed
46. Lively intelligence
48. Balloon filler
49. Dundee denial
50. Draft holder
51. Dry by spinning with hot air inside a cylinder
54. Soft heavy compact variety of talc having a soapy feel
56. Lets up
57. European language
58. "Unimaginable as ___ in Heav'n": Milton
59. Bunch
60. Caught in the act
61. Aroma
62. Diffident

Down

1. Capable of being hardened by some additive
2. Gull of ___, off the coast of Yemen
3. Commercial preparation containing most of the ingredients for a dish
4. Swampy arm or slow-moving outlet of a lake
5. Again
6. Advance
7. Blemish
8. Kind of dye
9. More spacious
10. Blot made with ink
11. Cuts
12. Lift
15. Vesicle
17. Alliance
19. ___-eyed
23. Kosher
25. Black cat, maybe
26. Perennial northern temperate plant with toothed leaves and small purplish-white flowers
27. Taps
30. Arab League member
31. Aces, sometimes
33. Cut, maybe
34. Having no odor
35. Weedy annuals native to Europe
36. Do museum wor
37. Cal
40. U.S. playwright who collaborated with Russel Crouse
41. Was apprehensive
42. Deuce toppers
44. Fivers
45. Barbecue offering
47. Turn red or yellow, say
48. Independent ruler or chieftain
51. Contemplative one
52. "Do ___ others as..."
53. A head
55. Even if, briefly

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



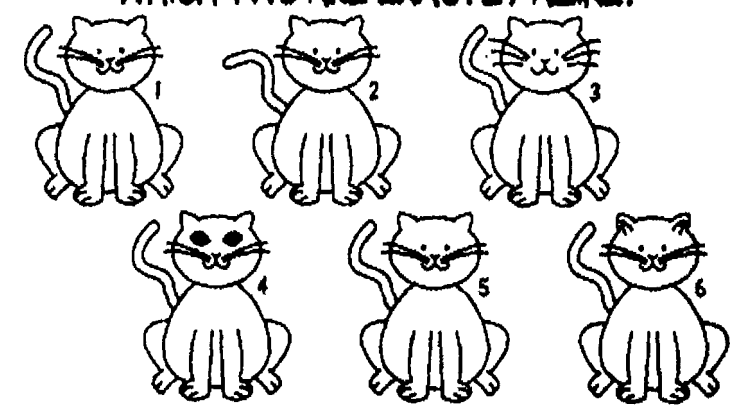
Generated by <http://www.opensky.ca/~jdh/ideb/software/sudoku/gen/> on Tue Mar 15 19:22:07 2008 GMT. Enjoy!

(PUZZLE #36 Medium, Difficulty Rating 0.59)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

CAMEL
CARDINAL
CARIBOU
CAT

CHERTAH
CHICKADEE
CHINCHILLA
CHIPMUNK

COCKATOO
CONDOR
CROCODILE
CUCKOO

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

E C O C K A T O O R
C H I C K A D E E T
A I Y U C A M E L C
T N C H I P M U I A
I C H E E T A H D R
C H I P M U N K O D
O I C H B T A H C I
P L L C U C K O O N
K L J C O N D O R A
C A R I B O U G C L

HOROSCOPES

For the week of March 5, 2009



Heaps of gratitude are headed your way. Capricorn. Enjoy the accolades. It may be a while before another golden moment occurs. A friend accepts your invitation.



You catch on to a ruse. Don't spill the beans and spoil the fun. Aquarius. An old flame returns bearing gifts. Welcome them into the fold.



You're tops on someone's list. Pisces, and they aim to show you. Reciprocate the gesture, and you'll have a friend for life. A little one needs some help.



A friend finally turns the corner financially. Have them over and learn some of their tips and tricks. Aries. It will pay off. Travels over the weekend result in a rare find.



A twist of fate brings you rewards like no other. Thank your lucky stars. Taurus. No news from home really is good news. Don't rock the boat.



The pieces to a puzzle at work begin to come together and what you learn astounds you. Gemini. An announcement brings you some much-needed peace.



The tricks of the trade are yours for the raking. Cancer. Use them to your advantage. A relationship deepens with a mini getaway to someplace special.



A turn of events puts you on high alert. Be cautious, Leo, but don't go overboard. A financial burden is lifted, and you have more to share with those close to you.



A family member puts you on the spot. Don't be afraid to say no or keep the information to yourself. Virgo. A long-lost heirloom returns.



You're burning the candle at both ends, Libra, and if you aren't careful, your flame is going to go out. Carve out some time to yourself to rest and relax. You deserve it.



You knew better, Scorpio, but your desires got the best of you. Now it's time to pay the piper. A memo brings an issue to light. Dig deep for the solution.



Sharp words catch you off guard. Sagittarius. Try not to get too upset. There is something for you to learn. A financial endeavor requires a leap of faith.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.



Jordie

Jordie is a beautiful young mixed breed dog. She is great with other dogs and loves people. This dog has a fantastic disposition and would make a good family dog. Jordie has been spayed, vaccinated and micro chipped. If you are interested in Jordie or any other available animal, check out our official web site at ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.asscpetfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CRUNCHY RAISIN BREAD FRENCH TOAST

Ingredients:

3/4 cup egg substitute or 3 eggs
1/3 cup skim milk
1 tsp. vanilla
2 Tbsp powdered sugar
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg

2 cups whole-grain wheat and barley cereal or coarsely crushed bran flakes
8 slices raisin bread
Powdered sugar for topping, optional

Directions: Mix egg substitute, milk, vanilla, powdered sugar and nutmeg in pie plate. Place cereal in another pie plate. Spray 12-inch nonstick skillet generously with cooking spray. Heat over medium heat. Dip both sides of 4 slices of raisin bread in egg mixture, then in cereal. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown, turning once. Repeat with remaining bread, egg mixture and cereal, spraying skillet each time. Serve topped with powdered sugar, if desired.

Makes 4 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week					Extended Forecast				
Date	H	L	Snow Inches		Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
2/24	21	-13	0						
2/25	28	-13	0						
2/26	34	11	0						
2/27	38	22	2		High 40	High 41	High 34	High 29	High 35
2/28	22	-10	0		Low 31	Low 24	Low 17	Low 23	Low 22
3/1	25	-4	0		Cloudy	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	AM Clouds/PM Sun	Partly Cloudy
3/2	12	-13	0						Snow Showers

Features

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 6, 1986 - Winning the Grayling Basketball League for the third year in a row were (front row left to right) Fred Wolcott, Dan Ullery, Bill Bonkowski, Bill Klinger, Rich Alexander, Don Ferguson, Tom Mills, Clayton Horton, Mike Smith and Charles Mires.

23 Years Ago

March 6, 1986

The Grayling City Police recovered nearly \$9,000 in stolen items and turned three youths over to juvenile authorities. Acting on a tip from Mr. Nye of the Skyline Ski Lodge, police recovered a stolen snowmobile, five rifles, ski equipment and other goods. The Grayling area youths were questioned with their parents present and police found out that the youths had been on a crime spree for the last two weeks in the Grayling and Houghton Lake area.

The Grayling Volleyball team lost in the opening round of district volleyball action, but still finished with

their most successful season ever. The Vikings ended with a 28-9 overall record and brought home four trophies from tournaments.

The Grayling Business and Professional Women's (BPW) organization is leading a community drive to build a new playground in the Grayling City Park. The new playground will be for younger children and will be built on the site currently occupied by the Crawford County Historical Museum. The museum is expected to be moved this spring or summer to land next to the railroad depot. The Grayling BPW has set a goal of \$12,000 to purchase new playground equipment for the city park. The equip-

ment that they will be buying includes a sand box with a roof, a carousel, swings, a swinging gate, a gym for younger children with infant swings, a low slide and climbing areas.

46 Years Ago

March 7, 1963

The Grayling Viking basketball team cleared their first hurdle in district action with a cliffhanging 52-50 win over the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

The Bill Tufts have been watching deer cross the river in front of their Manistee River home. The river has been frozen solid for two weeks, making it easy for the deer to cross.

The City of Grayling requests that all users of city water leave a faucet in their home running slightly from now until warm weather.

The Grayling A&P has a two lb. package of bacon for 79¢, a two lb. box of Bisquick for 49¢, a 50 count package of Scotkins napkins for 27¢ and fresh cleaned smelt for 25¢ per pound.

69 Years Ago

March 7, 1940

Willard Harwood has decided to discontinue his grocery business and will make his building into a beerless dine and dance restaurant. He plans to make a dance floor out of his sandwich shop. His home at the rear of the store will be remodeled into three private dining rooms.

A bullet hole through the front side glass window of the Johnson Furniture Company caused a lot of curiosity this morning, until Night Marshall Morgan Paige got downtown about noon. Morgan said he attempted to shoot a dog the evening before. The bullet glanced off the pavement and struck the window.

Ground has been broken and workmen are getting ready to lay the foundation for the new beer garden and dance hall for A.B. Zauel. The building is located in the fork of the roads where the highway to the winter sports park and M-76 branch off.

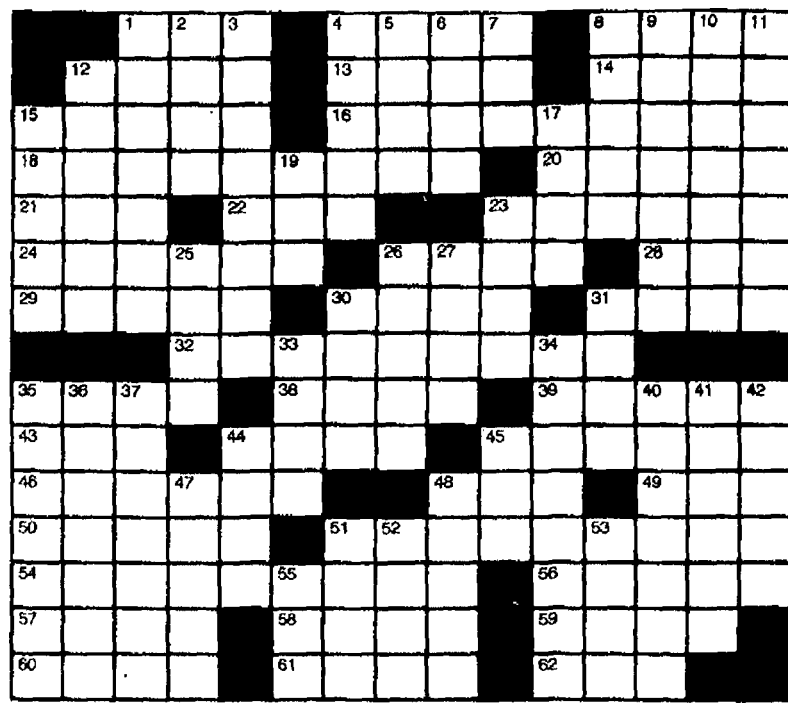
92 Years Ago

March 8, 1917

A horse, driven by Charles Christenson of Beaver Creek, caused much excitement on the streets when it came tearing across the bridge near the big mill, and up Cedar Street, running into a telegraph pole near the Lewis Drug Store. The driver was thrown out. The horse never stopped until it struck the dray of H. Wheeler on Main Street.

Andrew Brown of Frederic, who is a millwright at the big mill, expects to move his family here from Frederic. They will occupy the Nick Schjotz house on McClellan Street.

CROSSWORD



- | | |
|--|---|
| Across | Down |
| 1. "Wheels" | 1. Capable of being hardened by some additive |
| 4. Bee | 2. Gulf of _____, off the coast of Yemen |
| 8. Husk | 3. Commercial preparation containing most of the ingredients for a dish |
| 12. "How ____!" | 4. Swampy arm or slow-moving outlet of a lake |
| 13. Small buffalo of the Celebes | 5. Again |
| 14. Area | 6. Advance |
| 15. Kentucky college | 7. Blemish |
| 16. Reference books published once every year | 8. Kind of dye |
| 18. Moving backward and forward along a given course | 9. More spacious |
| 20. Main branches arising from the trunk of a tree | 10. Biot made with ink |
| 21. Confederate soldier, for short | 11. Cuts |
| 22. "____ rang?" | 12. Lift |
| 23. Gentle | 15. Vesicle |
| 24. Strauss opera | 17. Alliance |
| 26. Gp. with Indonesia and Algeria as members | 19. ____-eyed |
| 28. Long, long time | 23. Kosher |
| 29. Fragrant resin | 25. Black cat, maybe |
| 30. Face-to-face exam | 26. Perennial northern temperate plant with toothed leaves and small purplish-white flowers |
| 31. Crumbs | 27. Taps |
| 32. Immunity from an obligation or duty | 30. Arab League member |
| 35. Capacity unit used for measuring fresh herring | 31. Aces, sometimes |
| 38. Honoree's spot | 33. Cut, maybe |
| 39. Dutch pottery city | 34. Having no odor |
| 43. Cool, once | 35. Weedy annuals native to Europe |
| 44. Certain Scandinavian | 36. Do museum wor |
| 45. More flushed | 37. Cal |
| 46. Lively intelligence | 40. U.S. playwright who collaborated with Russel Crouse |
| 48. Balloon filler | 41. Was apprehensive |
| 49. Dundee denial | 42. Deuce toppers |
| 50. Draft holder | 44. Fivers |
| 51. Dry by spinning with hot air inside a cylinder | 45. Barbecue offering |
| 54. Soft heavy compact variety of talc having a soapy feel | 47. Turn red or yellow, say |
| 56. Lets up | 48. Independent ruler or chieftain |
| 57. European language | 51. Contemtable one |
| 58. "Unimaginable as ____ in Heavn": Milton | 52. "Do ____ others as..." |
| 59. Bunch | 53. A head |
| 60. Caught in the act | 55. Even if, briefly |
| 61. Aroma | |
| 62. Diffident | |

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.

				2		7		
		7		6			3	
	6	9			7			1
			5		3	1	2	
3		1				7		5
	2	8	7		1			
1			9			4	8	
	8			3		6		
	4		8					

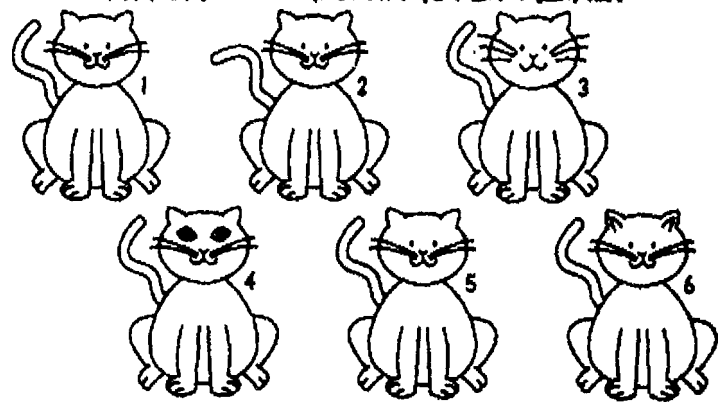
Generated by <http://www.opensky.ca/~jdhilde/software/sudoku/gen/> on Tue Mar 25 19:22:07 2008 GMT. Enjoy!

(PUZZLE #36 Medium, Difficulty Rating 0.59)
ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

CAMEL	CHEETAH	COCKATOO
CARDINAL	CHICKADEE	CONDOR
CARIBOU	CHINCHILLA	CROCODILE
CAT	CHIPMUNK	CUCKOO

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

E C O C K A T O O R
C H I C K A D E E T
A I Y U C A M E L C
T N C H I P M U I A
I C H E E T A H D R
C H I P M U N K O D
O I C H E T A H C I
P L L C U C K O O N
K L J C O N D O R A
C A R I B O U G C L

HOROSCOPES

For the week of March 5, 2009



December 22-January 19

Heaps of gratitude are headed your way, Capricorn. Enjoy the accolades. It may be a while before another golden moment occurs. A friend accepts your invitation.



March 21-April 19

A friend finally turns the corner financially. Have them over and learn some of their tips and tricks. Aries. It will pay off. Travels over the weekend result in a rare find.



June 22-July 22

The tricks of the trade are yours for the taking, Cancer. Use them to your advantage. A relationship deepens with a mini getaway to someplace special.



September 23-October 22

You're burning the candle at both ends, Libra, and if you aren't careful, your flame is going to go out. Curve out some time to yourself to rest and relax. You deserve it.



January 20-February 18

You catch on to a ruse. Don't spill the beans and spoil the fun, Aquarius. An old flame returns bearing gifts. Welcome them into the fold.



April 20-May 20

A twist of fate brings you rewards like no other. Thank your lucky stars, Taurus. No news from home really is good news. Don't rock the boat.



July 23-August 22

A turn of events puts you on high alert. Be cautious, Leo, but don't go overboard. A financial burden is lifted, and you have more to share with those close to you.



October 23-November 21

You knew better, Scorpio, but your desires got the best of you. Now it's time to pay the piper. A memo brings an issue to light. Dig deep for the solution.



November 22-December 21

You're tops on someone's list, Pisces, and they aim to show you. Reciprocate the gesture, and you'll have a friend for life. A little one needs some help.



May 21-June 21

The pieces to a puzzle at work begin to come together and what you learn astounds you, Gemini. An announcement brings you some much-needed peace.



August 23-September 22

A family member puts you on the spot. Don't be afraid to say no or keep the information to yourself, Virgo. A long-lost heirloom returns.



November 22-December 21

Sharp words catch you off guard, Sagittarius. Try not to get too upset. There is something for you to learn. A financial endeavor requires a leap of faith.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.



Jordie

Jordie is a beautiful young mixed breed dog. She is great with other dogs and loves people. This dog has a fantastic disposition and would make a good family dog. Jordie has been spayed, vaccinated and micro chipped. If you are interested in Jordie or any other available animal, check out our official web site at ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CRUNCHY RAISIN BREAD FRENCH TOAST

Ingredients:







- | | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 3/4 cup egg substitute or 3 eggs | 2 cups whole-grain wheat and barley cereal or coarsely crushed bran flakes |
| 1/3 cup skim milk | 8 slices raisin bread |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | Powdered sugar for topping, optional |
| 2 Tbsp powdered sugar | |
| 1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg | |

Directions: Mix egg substitute, milk, vanilla, powdered sugar and nutmeg in pie plate. Place cereal in another pie plate. Spray 12-inch nonstick skillet generously with cooking spray. Heat over medium heat. Dip both sides of 4 slices of raisin bread in egg mixture, then in cereal. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown, turning once. Repeat with remaining bread, egg mixture and cereal, spraying skillet each time. Serve topped with powdered sugar, if desired.

Makes 4 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast						
Snow				(Courtesy of the Weather.com)						
Date	H	L	Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
2/24	21	-13	0							
2/25	28	-13	0							
2/26	34	11	0	High 40	High 41	High 34	High 29	High 36	High 39	
2/27	38	22	2	Low 31	Low 24	Low 17	Low 23	Low 22	Low 25	
2/28	22	-10	0							
3/1	25	-4	0		Few Showers	Few Snow Showers	AM Clouds/ PM Sun	Partly Cloudy	Snow Showers	
3/2	12	-13	0	Cloudy						

Classified

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$8 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - Noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rates - \$6 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes internet listings: www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline - Noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

1975 DOUBLEWIDE 28 x 60, 5 1/2 roof, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large family room and big dining area. This is a one owner well kept, clean home. It is separated, tarped and ready to be moved. Priced to sell at \$7,000. Located on M-72 West in Grayling, MI. Call Todd, 989-370-3257. (-5/1)

2. For Rent

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS
Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020.
Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

Grayling Pines Apartments
is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777.

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

SMALL 2 BEDROOM HOUSE 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$460 a month plus utilities and deposit. No pets, 231-275-6887. (-5/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabins from \$275 - \$375, with free utilities. 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets. 1-877-227-6976 or Mike at 231-590-3699. (02/5/09tf/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located in town. \$550 per month. To apply call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-26-5/2)

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, \$650 per month plus utilities and security deposit. No pets. 989-348-8621. (-26-5/2)

FOR RENT Large 1 bedroom apartment in downtown Grayling. Storage unit and coin laundry included. \$425 per month plus utilities and references. 989-619-9689. (-26-5/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom efficiency apartment, located in town. \$500 per month, utilities included. To apply call 370-2745 or 710-1194. (-26-5/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS 420 Hannah and 239-249 Ballenger Street in Roscommon is updating the waiting list for one, two, three and four bedroom units. Rent is based on income with some rent subsidy. Barrier free units in building. Applications on site or call Beverly at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd. 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal housing opportunity. Hearing TDD 1-800-855-1155. (-12-19-26-5/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

BIG HOUSE Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375. plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at www.quali-tyhomerentals.net (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE with washer, dryer and appliances. No Pets. \$450 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-5/2)

5 BEDROOM 2 BATH with central air, all appliances and no pets. \$700 monthly, first and last plus \$500 security deposit. 6464 N. Old 27, Frederic. 248-310-0761. (-26-5-12-19-26-2/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS 3 bedroom, 2 bath, two car garage. Partly furnished, available in June. \$700 per month, one year lease. 248-701-2026. (-26-5-12-19/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath home with office/craft room, full basement, heated large garage, large lot, all appliances including washer and dryer, natural gas and central air. \$600 a month plus utilities, \$600 security deposit. One mile north of hospital in Grayling. 989-329-3618. (-5-12/2)

3. Employment

ATTENTION \$1,600 per month plus production bonuses. Nine people needed to start immediately for local distribution of large manufacturing company of 95 years in business. No shut downs, no layoffs, no downsizing and no strikes. Must call for interview, Monday or Tuesday. Must be neat in appearance and ambitious. Entry level to management positions available. No experience necessary. 989-732-8439. (-5/3)

NOW HIRING Cooks for all shifts. Apply in person at Westside Diner. (-5/3)

ATTENTION ADULTS AND STUDENTS:

Wimpy's is now hiring for the season. We are looking for reliable, friendly, and trustworthy employees who will be able to work anytime between 11a.m. and 10p.m. We will be hiring adults 18 and older as well as students. Applications can be picked up and dropped off at Wimpy's the week of March 23rd thru the 27th between 3-6p.m. Wimpy's plans to open on the 17th of April, we cannot wait to see all your smiling faces.

WIMPY'S
Ice Cream & Cones
6415 M-72 West
Grayling, MI
989-344-1918

Join a Leader...



...in Insurance, Travel and Financial Services

"SALES AGENT" OPPORTUNITIES CAREER FAIR
Thursday, March 5th • 4pm - 6pm
710 Edelweiss Village Parkway
Gaylord, MI

Our Sales Agents sell AAA memberships, personal lines insurance products, including auto, homeowners and life insurance, by actively soliciting and promoting new business sales. They develop and maintain professional relationships with members and recommend products and services to meet their changing lifestyle needs. Successful candidates should possess sales-related job experience, excellent communication and presentation skills, as well as the ability to present complex information in a clear manner. Agents must successfully complete state insurance sales licensing exams. Licensed agents are preferred.

AAA provides a comprehensive sales and service training program for all new agents and offers a competitive salary and benefits programs.

Join us on Thursday at the AAA Sales Agent Career Fair! If you are unable to attend, please email your resume to mjclark@aaa-michigan.com.

AAA is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Opportunity Knocks

REGISTERED NURSES

Emergency Department - Full Time Nights, 12 hour shifts. Previous experience preferred

Maternal/Newborn - Full time Nights, 12 hour shifts

CCU - Full time Nights, 12 hour shifts

Med/Surg - New grads welcome, Full time nights, 12 hour shifts

OTHER AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Clinical Assistant - Full time positions available, completion of Medical Assistant Course, LPN or RN required.

Pharmacy Tech - Casual position, previous experience or certification preferred.

Operations Manager - Roscommon/Prudenville Clinics. Previous medical office management experience preferred.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the full list of open positions and detailed job descriptions on our web site.

We offer competitive wages and excellent fringe benefits. Contact us at:

Organization and Talent Effectiveness Department
Mercy Hospital Grayling
1100 E. Michigan Ave
Grayling, MI 49738

Phone: (989) 348-0358

Fax: (989) 348-0485

E-mail: slewis@trinity-health.org



MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING



INSTRUCTOR, NURSING
Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time faculty position to teach both classroom and clinical components within a ladder Associate Degree Nursing Program and other health career programs. For complete details regarding the position and minimum qualifications, visit our website at www.kirtland.edu/hr/jobs/nursing.htm. Application deadline Friday, March 27, 2009. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Century 21 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE, INC.
5688 M-72 West • Grayling MI 49738
989-348-5474
View all our listings with many photos of each listing on our website:
www.century21grayling.com



Four rental units approximately 1300 square feet each, with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath each. Carport parking for 4 vehicles out back. Covered front porch at each unit. Separate utilities for each unit. There are actually 2 separate duplexes that are 28 x 48 each. #6075 \$159,900

RE/MAX of Grayling
5728 M-72 West
(989) 348-7440
www.remax-grayling-mi.com

LAKE MARGRETHE
50 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE Multi-season retreat! Full log cottage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, cathedral ceilings with stone fireplace, 3 season sun room, 2 story garage. CS-2749 \$268,000

NATURE LOVERS WILL LOVE THIS!
Quality home built in 2004 is in excellent condition, offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1200 s.f., large 2.5 car detached garage. Ausable Woods Association offers private river access, club house use with pool, picnic area, garbage pickup, and snow removal. State land right down the road for snowmobiling, hunting, etc. CC-2760 \$111,000

RIVERFRONT
333 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON NORTH BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER 9 acres with 400 feet of commercial frontage on Hwy. 612. Tree cover is a mixture. Parcel 3 has a septic easement on the NW corner of property. Flat and rolling terrain and electricity access at road. CS-2743 \$39,000

BIG CREEK
ATTENTION TROUT FISHERMEN! Very affordable four bedroom, full cedar cottage, 936 s.f. with full walk out basement. Vaulted-beamed-cedar ceiling with trapezoid windows on two sides. 8x40 deck overlooking Big Creek. Warbler's Association within 300 ft. amenities include: volleyball court, club house, swimming pool, and fishing pond for kids. Contents negotiable. CH-2913 \$99,900

3 BR, 2 BATH HOME WITH METAL ROOF & PERGO FLOORING
in kitchen & dining room with garden shed. Close to Log Lake, Twin Birch Golf Course, state land & Village of Kaikaska. CH-2800 \$54,900

HOUSE ON 6 ACRES
West of Grayling across the street from Timber Wolf Golf Course. Is a beautiful almost 5 acre setting for this older 2 bedroom home with a breezeway to the attached garage, two small out buildings and a white fence across the front. CH-2796 \$34,800

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. By Appt. Only

3. Employment

Mich-Can Statewide Classified Business Opportunities

-BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES-
100% RECESSION PROOF! Do you earn up to \$800/day? Your own local candy route. Includes 30 Machines and Candy. All for \$9,995. Call 1-888-744-4651.

Employment

DRIVE THE BIG RIGS! Truck Driver Training. Pre-Hire program. Tuition Reimbursement. No Employment Contracts. Big Bucks driving Big Trucks! Call HRCD today! 1-888-750-6200
www.DriveTheBigRigs.com.

HELP WANTED - NO TRUCK
Driver Experience - No Problem. Will-Trans will teach you how to drive. Company sponsored CDL Training. 1-888-703-9556. Must be 23.

INDEPENDENT B2B SALES! Sell turnkey Web site solutions to small business owners. Earn \$700 average per sale. Small business & B2B sales experience required. Call Jim: 800-922-1505. Email resume: Jobs@GreeneCountryInstitute.com

OVER 18? BETWEEN HIGH
school and college? Travel and have fun with young successful business group. No experience necessary. 2 wks paid training. Lodging, transportation provided. 1-877-646-5050.

PLACE YOUR STATEWIDE AD
HERE! \$299 buys a 25-word classified ad offering over 1.6 million circulation and 3.6 million readers. Contact this newspaper for details.

Financial Services

"BEST HOME LOANS!" Land Contract and Mortgage Payoffs, Home-Improvements, Debt-Consolidation, Property Taxes, Foreclosures, Houses/Doublewide/Mobiles, Good/Bad/Ugly Credit! 1-800-246-8100 Anytime! United Mortgage Services. www.umsmortgage.com

DR. DANIELS AND SON Real Estate Loans. Cash for land con-

Miscellaneous

tracts. \$10,000 to \$500,000 - Fast funding, free consultation. 800-837-6166. 248-335-6166
allan@drdanielsandson.com

-FOR SALE-
PIONEER DELUXE POLE BUILDINGS - 1" side overhang, 1" fiberglass roof insulation, Galvalume steel, 14 colors, ACO treated lumber, Licensed and insured, call for quotes. 1-800-292-0679

Real Estate

NICE INVESTMENT PROPERTY -
Woodhall St., Detroit, MI 48224. 3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2000 Sq. Ft. Colonial Multi-Family home asking \$27,500. Current value \$85,000. Property Management referral available. Mike - 313-330-7563

"FORECLOSED HOME AUCTION"
MICHIGAN statewide. *500+ Homes must Be Sold! Auction: March 28 & 29. REDC/Free Brochure. 800-471-3467. USHomeAuction.com

Schools

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
at home fast! Nationally accredited, \$399 payment plan. Free brochure: 800-470-4723. www.diplomaathome.com

NOW AVAILABLE! 2009 Post Office jobs. \$18-\$20/HR. No experience. Paid training, Fed benefits, vacations. Call 1-800-910-9941 Today. Ref #M109

REACH 3.1 MILLION Michigan
readers with a 2 x 2 display ad for only \$999 - Contact this newspaper for details.

3. Employment

INSURANCE POSITION

Local insurance agency seeking experienced team player with strong sales and service skills. Individual must have current insurance licenses or have the ability to become licensed. If you are interested in a career with an industry leader, please submit resume to: R&K, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (-26-5/3)

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Fire & EMS is holding an Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT) training academy starting in March 2009. Come join our team. We are a dynamic 911 EMS provider, built on a solid foundation to continuously provide outstanding pre-hospital emergency medicine to the communities we serve. Further information can be obtained at the Frederic Township Fire Department, 6547 Frederic Street, Frederic, MI 49733, 989-348-8190. (-19-26-5/3)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

CAR BATH ARIAL
RUDE ANOIA ZONE
BEREA YEARBOOKS
UP AND DOWN TIMBS
REB YOU DOG GLE
SALOME OPEC EON
ELEM TORAL FORTS
EXEMPTION
CRAN DALS DELFT
HEP FINN ROSIER
ESPRIT AME NAE
STEIN TUMBLE DORY
SOAPSSTONE EASES
ERSE HATE SCAD
SEEN TODOR SHY

SUDOKU

8	1	3	4	5	2	9	7	6
2	5	7	1	6	9	8	3	4
4	6	9	3	8	7	2	5	1
6	7	4	5	9	3	1	2	8
3	9	1	6	2	8	7	4	5
5	2	8	7	4	1	3	6	9
1	3	6	9	7	5	4	8	2
9	8	5	2	3	4	6	1	7
7	4	2	8	1	6	5	9	3

3. Employment

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Fire & EMS is looking to hire EMT's and/or Firefighters to join our team. Applicants must have a valid State of Michigan EMS license and/or Firefighters Training Council Firefighter 1 and/or 2 certificates and a valid State of Michigan driver's license. Other credentials may be required for some license levels. Interested persons may call 989-348-8190 for more information. Applications can be picked up at the Fire Department Hall at 6547 Frederic Street, Frederic, MI 49733. (-19-26-5/3)

MAINTENANCE

WORKER Michigan based company looking for self-motivated, high energy, general maintenance individual. Must be available weekends and holidays. This is a full time position with benefits. Please send resume or letter of interest to: PND, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738, EOE. (-26-5/3)

CABLE TV TECHNI-

CIAN WANTED Full time position. Knowledgeable in installs to line maintenance and repair. Send resume with references to: Cable TV, P.O. Box 100, Montague, MI 49437. (-5-12/3)

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

for a management position in our Gaylord office. This person must be someone very knowledgeable in the home health field. We are offering very competitive pay depending on your experience. We offer health benefits and vacation pay for full time staff. We also offer an excellent friendly work environment. Please fax your resume to attention: Help Wanted Gaylord, 989-345-7050. Compassionate Care Home Health Services Inc. performs background checks on all possible employees. (-5-12-19/3)

4. Services Offered

SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (-5-19/4)

4. Services Offered

BECKY'S TAX PREP

and e-file service. Ready to assist you with your tax filing needs. Reasonable rates. New client discount. Call 989-348-5348. (LR4/9/09/4)

RTH HOME IMPROVE-

MENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's

Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

SNOW REMOVAL

Bear Lake area. All's Outdoor Maintenance, 231-258-1245. (-19-26-5/4)

INCOME TAX SERVICE

Very reasonable rates and electronic filing at no extra charge. Always confidential. Call Marge, 989-821-5542. (LR4/9/09/4)

FOR THE BEST SERVICE

on appliances, heating, cooling and refrigeration, call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling, 989-348-4252. (2/19/09tf/4)

APPLIANCES NOT

WORKING? Call Paul for service at 348-0167. (-26-5/4)

5. For Sale

CABIN LOGS

rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR03/26/095)

MARTY'S FIREWOOD

Oak fire wood, \$60 face cord, immediate delivery. 989-390-3930, Marty. (-19-27-5/5)

HARD MAPLE

\$55 per cord and up delivered. Please call 989-390-2155 anytime. (-26-5-12/5)

5. For Sale

UP TO \$2,000 OFF

An EClassic 2300 outdoor wood furnace and ThermoPex for a limited time. Eliminate high heating bills using renewable energy. Call 348-7484 today. (-5-12-19-26/5)

GAS DRYER

\$50; electric dryer, \$50; apartment size refrigerator, \$25. 348-3049. (-5/5)

JOHNSON'S RANGE

989-348-4614, open Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Last of The Ammo Sale. New ammo: 9 mm FMJ, \$15 per box; 38 Spl. FMJ, \$17 per box; 38 Spl. RNL, \$16 per box; 45 Colt FMJ, \$20 per box; 40 S&W FMJ, \$20 per box. Bushmaster AR-15 223 14", 16" and 21" barrel, \$1,500 each; Henry lever action 357 gold, rec, \$640; 25-06 heavy barrel bolt action, \$640; Bersa 380 auto, 15 rds., ss & blue, \$375; small 380 auto, 6 rds., blue & ss, \$140; Para-ordinance 15 rds., 40 S&W, blue, \$600; 1911 45 ACP, blue, \$400; Taurus 1911, 45 ACP, blue lite rail, \$675; Taurus 1911, 45 ACP, blue & gold, \$700; Mossberg 930 autoloader, 18.5 barrel, 12 ga., 7 & 1, \$550. (-5-12/5)

6. Wanted

BUYING JUNK VEHICLES

Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL

All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

8. Announcements

HALL FOR RENT

American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. Contact manager 348-7232. (-8-22-5-19-5-19-2-16-30-14-28-11-25/8)

HALL FOR RENT

with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/8)

8. Announcements

ATTENTION CLASS-

MATES OF 1989 Reunion scheduled for July 18th at Hanson Hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janet-pelark@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

SPRING THOUGHTS

Fly tying classes, February 26, 2009. Call 989-745-2480 for information. Trouts Choice, Mike Kulhawick. (-12-19-26-5/8)

THANKS A LATTE

Coffee House presents open mic night, Friday, March 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission: bring a donation to help support the Christian Help Center. 989-348-4006. (-26-5/8)

TAI CHI CLASSES

12 weeks at CRAF Center, Roscommon. Starts March 10, at 5:15 p.m., and March 11 at 9:45 a.m. 821-4419. (-5/8)

THE BRICKERY

107 Ottawa, is offering water color classes on March 24th and 31st. Evening classes start at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 989-348-8999. (-5-12/8)

THE BRICKERY

107 Ottawa, is offering a craft painting class on March 18th. Class starts at 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 989-348-8999. (-5-12/8)

MIP and anger management

programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

NEED RUBBER

STAMPS? Whether it's business cards, letterheads, stamps or business documents, we've got you covered. Call at the Avalanche at 348-6811 for more information.

7. Miscellaneous

Screen Printing & Embroidery

T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Jackets, Hats, Event & Corporate Apparel, Signs and Banners

First Impressions

Sportswear & Signs Since 1987
Call: Pete Kocenas
989-348-8627 - 800-848-1268
www.SleedheadsUSA.com

CLASSIFIEDS

GET RESULTS TODAY!

With these Categories, we can sell it all!
Get Results Today!

C ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Minimum charge, \$6.00 for the first 15 words, 10¢ for each additional word. Please use as many words as you like, one word per box. Includes listing on the Avalanche internet page.

Crawford County Avalanche

989-348-6811 • www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Categories (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. Real Estate | 3. Employment | 6. Wanted | 9. Personals |
| 2. For Rent | 4. Services Offered | 7. Miscellaneous | 10. Garage Sales |
| 2a. Want To Rent | 5. For Sale | 8. Announcements | 11. Automotive |

\$6.00	\$6.10	\$6.20	\$6.30	\$6.40	\$6.50	\$6.60	
\$6.70	\$6.80	\$6.90	\$7.00	\$7.10	\$7.20	\$7.30	
\$7.40	\$7.50	\$7.60	\$7.70	\$7.80	\$7.90	\$8.00	
\$8.10	\$8.20	\$8.30	\$8.40	\$8.50	\$8.60	\$8.70	
\$8.80	\$8.90	\$9.00	\$9.10	\$9.20	\$9.30	\$9.40	
\$9.50	\$9.60	\$9.70	\$9.80	\$9.90	\$10.00	\$10.10	

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY TUESDAY NOON

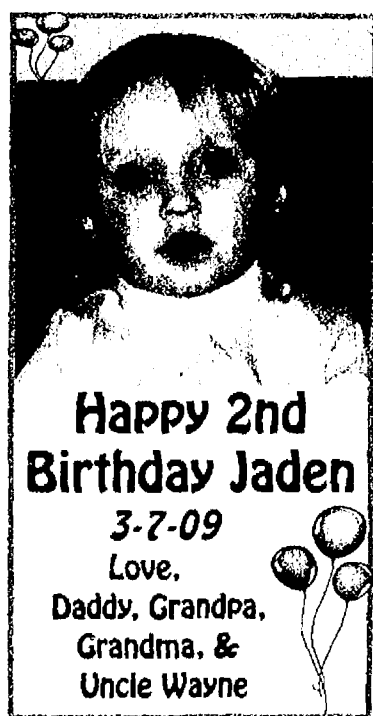
8. Announcements

THE BRICKERY 107 Ottawa, is offering a rug hooking class on Sunday, March 29th. Class starts at 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. For more info, call 989-348-8999. (-5-12/8)

ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday, All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday, Displayed by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication. Call the Avalanche for more info (989) 348-6811

9. Personals

ADOPT Loving, financially secure married couple hopes to adopt newborn. Some expenses paid. Please call Brian & Jaimie toll free 877-610-1802. (-19-26-5-12/9)



Happy 2nd Birthday Jaden
3-7-09
Love,
Daddy, Grandpa,
Grandma, &
Uncle Wayne

11. Automotive

10. Garage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE Wednesday, March 11, at Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Many unique items. (-5/10)

11. Automotive

CAR DETAILING Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07/11)

AUTO GLASS repair and replacement now available at JJ's Auto Glass. 348-7710. (9/29/05/11)

1999 VW BUG 83k white, power windows, locks, mirrors, A/C and 6 disc changer, \$6,300 OBO. 1995 Honda Civic EX 199k, red, power windows, locks, mirrors, moon roof and CD, \$2,300 OBO. 989-390-4819. (-5/11)

2002 DODGE DAKOTA SLT 4 wheel drive, 6 cylinder. Asking \$3,800. For more information, call Ron, 989-390-4290. (2/12/09/11)

AUTO INSURANCE for your young drivers costing you an arm and a leg? Let Herb and Katie Olson try to save your leg. Call Farm Bureau Insurance at 348-9456. (-19-26-5-12/11)

1994 BUICK REGAL 4 door, good condition, \$2,000. 348-2491 or 348-6831. (-5/11)

11. Automotive

Vikings renew rivalry with narrow victories vs. Bobcats

Grayling wins 51-49, 62-59 at Houghton Lake

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

A rivalry reborn? Grayling High School's varsity and junior varsity boys basketball teams each played two games vs. the Houghton Lake Bobcats this season - including one series at Houghton Lake Middle School last Monday - and all four games were close, physical battles that came down to the final possessions.

(The teams played at the middle school on Monday due to a maintenance issue at the high school.)

"This was a great atmosphere for a high school basketball game at the Houghton Lake Middle School," said Rich Moffit, coach of Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team, regarding Monday night's series. "This is going to be a great rivalry in the coming years with both programs having quality kids coming up. All of our games at all levels were very competitive."

In football, the Vikings square off against the Bobcats every year. In boys basketball, however, the two schools hadn't shared a regular season contest since the 2003-2004 season.

"That was one of my projects when I first started," said Tim Sanchez, athletic director at Grayling High School. "We had to give up Gaylord for it, but we got Houghton Lake back on the schedule."

On Monday night, Grayling's JV squad held on for a 62-59 victory at Houghton Lake.

The Vikings led by six, 37-31, at halftime. Grayling took a 51-44 advantage into the fourth quarter. The Vikings led by 11, 55-44, with 4:13 remaining in the contest. The Bobcats battled back, and they cut Grayling's lead to three with



Steven Enos, left, and Zane Tobin, right, handle the ball for Grayling's varsity and JV teams, respectively, on Monday at Houghton Lake.

two three-pointers late in the game.

With 19 seconds left in regulation, Houghton Lake hit two free throws to pull within one, 60-59. The Bobcats fouled to stop the clock, and Zane Tobin converted both free throws. Houghton Lake missed a three-point shot and a put-back attempt, and Jake Helsel came down with the rebound. Grayling won by three.

In the two JV teams' first meeting of the season - a contest played at Grayling High School on Jan. 20 - the Vikings won 63-57 in a similar game. Grayling led by nine, 45-36, going into the fourth period, but the Bobcats pulled within one in the final minute of regulation.

In last Monday's varsity game at Houghton Lake, Grayling led by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter, but the Bobcats pulled within one in the final seconds.

Grayling led by four, 26-22, at halftime. The score was tied at 37-37 going into the final eight minutes.

The Vikings opened the fourth period with a 10-0 run. The series included (in order) a drive by Colin Hamlin, a free throw by Eric Ferrigan, a three-pointer by Hamlin, a drive by Steven Enos, and an inside shot by Tyler Steffey. GHS led 47-

37 with 5:24 remaining.

Houghton Lake scored the next seven points to cut Grayling's lead to three. A put-back by Spencer Dean at the 2:00 mark put the Vikings ahead by five, 49-44. A lay-up by the Bobcats cut Grayling's lead back to three.

The Vikings passed the ball around to kill time off the clock, forcing Houghton Lake to foul. Grayling missed the resulting free throw, but the rebound went out of bounds - last touched by Houghton Lake - giving Grayling possession. The Bobcats fouled again. Hamlin hit one of two at the free-throw line, giving Grayling a 50-46 advantage with 25 seconds remaining.

Houghton Lake hit a three-pointer with 16 seconds left in the period to pull within one, 50-49.

The Bobcats fouled Steffey to stop the clock, and he made one of two at the line. Houghton Lake got one final shot off - a three-point attempt from just inside the half-court line at the buzzer - and it missed. Grayling won by two, 51-49.

"The Houghton Lake game was a game of runs. Luckily, we had the last run and were able to hold on to the win," Coach Moffit said. "Our defensive pressure was a plus for us tonight as we forced 30-plus turnovers. This was a very physical

game at both ends of the court."

"Spencer Dean played very solid for us. He had five offensive rebounds and led us in scoring with 13 points. Colin Hamlin played very well in the last quarter and Eric Ferrigan provided us with a real spark off the bench. Ryan Foguth gave us some quality minutes in the second quarter when Colin got into foul trouble. We had a number of kids contribute in a variety of ways," Coach Moffit said. "Good team win."

Leading scorers for Grayling were: Dean, 13 points, 7 rebounds; Hamlin, 10 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Ferrigan, 10 points, 4 steals, 3 assists; Steffey, 7 points, 4 rebounds; Doug Gothro, 4 points, 4 rebounds, 4 blocks; Enos, 4 points, 3 rebounds.

Earlier in the season, Grayling defeated Houghton Lake 50-49 in a game played at GHS. Dean put the Vikings ahead by one with a put-back at the 0:04.7 mark, and Steffey preserved the win with a blocked shot on Houghton Lake's potential game-winning lay-up at the buzzer.

Sanchez said he expects Houghton Lake to be on the boys basketball teams' schedules next year.

"We have the two slots slated for them next year," he said.

Skier battles injuries, finishes 27th at state finals

Grayling High School skier Hannah Smith finished 27th in the giant slalom competition at the Division II state finals last week at Marquette Mountain.

Smith, the only Viking to qualify for the state finals this year, earned a spot in the meet with a 7th place giant slalom finish at regionals.

She qualified for the state finals last year also, but an injury kept her out of the meet. A recent injury almost kept her out of this year's state finals as well.

"This is an outstanding performance from Hannah. She deserved this more than anyone on the hill today,"

Coach Tim Gariglio said. "She suffered a major knee injury last year after qualifying for the state meet, ending her chance to compete. I doubted she would even be able to ski this year, let alone make it back to compete in the state meet. She did it through hard work, dedication, and believing in herself."

"She skied seven days a week and (was) told to quit skiing on several occasions due to knee pain. Hannah had another setback the day before the state meet when she took a crash during a training run. Her good knee was injured on the fall, possibly ending her chance to



Hannah Smith skis at the state finals in the giant slalom competition.

compete at (the state finals) again. We took her back to the hotel room and iced her knee all night and by morn-

ing she was ready to go. She took a couple of runs on the hill and she was ready," Coach Gariglio said.

Bowling Leagues

Friday Mixed Doubles
Fred's of Rosco... 50 - 20
Last Call... 40 - 30
American Legion... 37 - 33
Canadian Steak... 37 - 33
L & L Hauling... 35 - 35
McDonald's... 33 - 37
Double Trouble... 31 - 39
Miller Spillers... 17 - 53
High Series Women: S. Johnson, 512; C. Brannan, 500; M. Jankowski, 489.
High Game Women: C. Brannan, 201; S. Johnson, 195; M. Jankowski, 188.
High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 611; P. Benardo, 606; R. Dent, 588.
High Game Men: R. Dent, 231; P. Benardo, 225; R. Sartin, 222.

Thursday Morning Coffee
Bill's Harem... 17.5 - 10.5
Misfits... 16 - 12
Three Amigos... 15.5 - 12.5
Pin Slayers... 15.5 - 12.5
Rosebuds... 14 - 14
Snow Tops... 12.5 - 15.5

Ladybugs... 12 - 16
Casino Bums... 9 - 19
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 496; C. Clark, 480; N. Glasslee, 458.
High Game Women: H. Stairs, 192; C. Clark, 171; N. Glasslee, 170.
High Series Men: B. Hollis, 544; D. Williamson, 525; B. Holton, 507.
High Game Men: B. Hollis, 201; D. Williamson, 191; B. Holton, 184.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
Team Shocker... 52 - 11
Salon Rue... 39 - 24
Spikes #2... 38 - 25
Hard Balls... 36 - 27
Spikes #1... 27 - 36
Growlers... 22 - 41
GrayRock Cafe... 20 - 43
AJD... 18 - 45
High Series Men: J. Thayer, 594; T. Sheldon, 573; R. Sartin, 545.
High Game Men: T. Sheldon and R. Sartin, 225; J. Thayer, 216.
High Series Women: S.

Mead, 483; L. Mead, 466; H. Lippard, 432.
High Game Women: S. Mead, 193; H. Lippard, 183; L. Mead, 179.

Senior League
Dana Transport... 25 - 11
Spikes... 25 - 11
Gaylord Electric... 23 - 13
Bear's Den Pizza... 20 - 16
Flowers By Josie... 18 - 18
Kicking Grass... 13 - 23
Sylvester's Sports... 11 - 25
Lone Pine... 9 - 27
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 480; C. Clark, 469; N. Glasslee, 464.
High Game Women: H. Stairs, 189; M. Rysso, 181.
D. Doremire, 170.
High Series Men: K. Harris, 621; L. Crampton, 583; D. Williamson, 571.
High Game Men: K. Harris, 269; D. Williamson, 231; P. Faustman, 217.

Recreation League
GMH-NCC... 19 - 13

Robin Smith CPA... 19 - 13
TNT Charter... 18 - 14
Woody Girls... 17 - 15
Glen's Market... 16 - 16
American Legion... 15 - 17
Days Inn... 15 - 17
Grayling Nursing... 9 - 23
High Series: P. D'Amour, 520; K. Wheeler, 502; T. Hellebuyck, 486.
High Game: T. Hellebuyck, 190; K. Wheeler and D. Tobin, 189.

Pioneer League
Grayling Rest... 29 - 7
Eagles Nest... 24 - 12
Legion... 19.5 - 16.5
Ole Dam... 19.5 - 16.5
T.C. Lawncare... 15 - 21
5 B's... 15 - 21
Ball Busters... 14 - 22
Tim's Collision... 8 - 28
High Series: T. Rock, 581; C. Clark, 578; S. Johnson, 504.
High Game: T. Rock, 211; C. Clark, 208; J. Coors, 190.

OIL CHANGE IN 29 MINUTES

ASK ABOUT OUR NEW OIL CHANGE UPGRADES!

- Oil change (up to five quarts of oil)
- Oil filter
- Chassis lube
- Fluid level checks
- Brakes - differential transfer case - transmission - windshield washer
- 25-point inspection

SCHEER MOTORS Goodwrench

Hours: Mon - Fri 7:30am - 5:30pm
989-348-5451 - US-27 North, Grayling

SCHEER MOTORS

Customer: Lee & Pam Johnson
Salesperson: Laurie Scheer-Krey

Why I bought from Scheer Motors...
"We found a nice car, with good service from staff, and a great deal. We were satisfied on all points." ~ Lee & Pam Johnson

Special of the Week 100,000 mile Limited Warranty
2005 Chevrolet Cobalt
4 door, 4 cyl., automatic, good gas mileage!
SPECIAL \$9,988

"Your Hometown Dealer"
Hours: Mon. - 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tue. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. 9-2 • U.S. 27 NORTH • Grayling
www.scheermotors.com
CALL TODAY! 989-348-5451